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Finally, the campus is putting on the familiar white look after an unusual spell of warm weather.

Grades dip during fall semester at Hamilton

Decline follows talk of grade inflation

By Meghan Hallock '98
Associate News Editor

The average grade at Hamilton fell last semester following concerns of grade inflation. President Tobin first publicly addressed the issue at his Convocation speech in late August, prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

Signs of curtatiled grade inflation included a significant increase in the percentage of D's awarded to students. The number of D's awarded in the fall of 1993 totalled 3 percent of the grades given. This past semester that percentage rose to 4.1 percent. This comes as a dramatic rise. In previous years, the increment of change was as little as one-tenth of a percent.

In other grade categories, the rise was less pronounced. The number of A's awarded decreased from 29.4 percent in 1993 to 27.5 percent in 1994. The number of F's went from 1 percent to 1.3 percent. B's and C's increased by a few tenths of a point each.

Registrar Jennifer Potter Hayes feels that "the faculty has taken to heart President Tobin's convocation speech." Normally the Registrar does a year to year grades comparison, but with all the interest generated by the issue recently, she did a quick comparison of the past four fall terms in which there has been a general decline in A's awarded. She felt that the downward trend in grades was more pronounced this fall.

Hays also indicated that there was a larger suspension and academic probation list in this past semester than previously. Sixteen people failed out last semester, a larger number than normal.

Generally, professors did not

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Hamilton community gathers to mourn loss of departed student

By Matt Nolan '98
Associate News Editor

"An Occasion of Celebration for the Life of Russell (Rusty) Smith III," was the title of the service, as several hundred students and faculty members gathered in the college chapel to remember their friend and student. Smith was killed last December in a car accident in the Adirondacks.

Chaplain Janna Roche began the service saying that those who attended needed to depend on "one another for support" while they mourned. Many memories of Smith's time at Hamilton were recalled in a section of the service that consisted of "shared memories from the Hamilton community."

Individuals representing the many organizations and groups with which Smith was affiliated with each spoke about their remembrances of his life. The choir, of which he was a member for three years, sang two selections during the service in his memory. One of the most touching stories of the afternoon came from Christine Shuart '95 who spoke in representation of the choir. In truth her memory was a much more personal one, but one which many agreed well characterized Smith. She told of being Smith's date to a Delta Phi formal event, and the importance which the gardenia corsage he gave to her. This story of Rusty's care in choosing a corsage for his date touched many in the Chapel.

Three representatives of the computer science department were there to recognize Smith as well. Two professors and a classmate of Smith's remember the enjoyment that they got out of working with him over the years.

One of Smith's mainstays, his religion, was another group that he was active in on campus. Remembering his involvement in the Hillel Jewish student organization was Gabriel Meyer '96. Again in this remembrance Smith's benevolence and friendly personality were highlighted.

The final remembrances and memories of Rusty Smith came from brothers of the Delta Phi Fraternity. Three members, David Gehm '96, Fred Pfeifer '95, and Matt McDowell

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Article in *New York Times* frustrates Admission Office

By Gabriel Meyer '96
Editor-in-Chief

A recent *New York Times* article investigating efforts of college admissions deans to inflate statistics has become the source of frustration and disappointment for Hamilton's Office of Admission.

The article, appearing in the Education Section of the January 8 *New York Times*, incorrectly stated that Hamilton had recently instituted a two part application, the first part of which requires only preliminary information from the applicant, while the second part, which can be sent separately, requires an essay.

This application, the article said, was instituted in order to boost sagging admissions numbers. It implied that a high percentage of rejected Hamilton applicants were those who only submitted the first part.

In fact, Hamilton has had the same application for the last several years and though the there is now an option to send in Part I separately from Part II, few prospective student choose to do so. Only two percent of Hamilton applicants, said Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Rit Fuller, send in Part I without later sending Part II.

The impetus for the "new" application, according to the article, was last year's *U.S. News and World Report's* college survey in which Hamilton ranked thirtieth among national liberal arts colleges. This was its lowest standing since the survey was first conducted in the mid 1980's.

Though the *New York Times* article did not state the percentage of Hamilton applicants who complete only Part I of the application, it suggested that at many colleges, the majority of rejections are sent to those who fail to send in the second part of a two part application.

"Hamilton's profile is completely honest," said Fuller of Hamilton's admission policies. "The tenor of the article was unfortunate."

Explaining the rationale for the existing two part application procedure, he noted that receiving Part I

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Dean of Faculty search approaching completion

By Jacob Stetser '98
News Staff Writer

When former Dean of Faculty Euene Tobin vacated his office in July of 1993 in order to become Acting President, Hamilton College was left with a gap in the Dean's position. The Dean of Faculty is appointed by the President, but as Acting President, Tobin could not do so. Upon Tobin's acceptance of the full title of President, the school initiated the first of two outside searches for a replacement for the Dean's post. The first search did not yield an appointment; last fall, Hamilton began the second search.

The Search Committee, consisting of eight members of the Hamilton community with a broad range of age, disciplines, and histories, "has really done a remarkable job of identifying candidates," said Acting Dean of Faculty G. Roberts Kolb. The

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compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

American Collegians for Life hold conference

More than 350 students attended the American Collegians for Life national conference the last weekend in Washington D.C. The conference featured guest speakers Judie Brown and Chris Smith, plus workshops, informational tables and a banquet event.

The official ACL newsletter *Vita*condemned recent attacks on abortion clinics as "hypocritically violating the pro-life ethic by harassing others and taking the lives of other human beings."

"The pro-life ethic is positive and life-affirming; don't violate that by distributing negative materials," wrote *Vita* Editor Steve Ertelt. *(NSNS)*

Virginia Student Environmental Action Coalition Chapter influences campus paper purchasing

In an example of statewide coalition building, Virginia students recently banded together to demand more environmentally conscious campus paper purchasing practices.

At the Virginia Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) conference, member campuses agreed to influence paper purchasing and drafted a resolution on campaign goals. Students now are researching paper for their schools that has high post-consumer waste content, is non-chlorine bleached, and/or is tree-free. *(NSNS)*

Colgate upgrades its Internet connection

Over winter, Colgate University installed a new Internet system which allows Colgate a faster Internet link. The Internet link was bought from the NYSERNet system. The New York State Educational Response Network is a new system which provides a high-speed educational backbone linking the educational institutions of the state. The system was jointly developed by NYNEX, Sprint and Rochester Telephone.

"The new system is 20 times faster than our old system, which will speed up the e-mail and prevent future sending and receiving problems," said Rich Grant, director of network services at Colgate. *(The Colgate Maroon News)*

Smith College names new president

Ruth Simmons, Vice Provost at Princeton University, has been recently chosen to become the next president of Smith College. When she takes office in July of this year, she will become the first African-American woman to head a leading American educational institution.

Simmons received her undergraduate degree at Dillard College, from which she graduated *summa cum laude*. She earned her Master's as well as Ph. D. in Romance languages from Harvard University.

Before her career at Princeton, Simmons was a graduate school dean at the University of Southern California. Prior to that, she was the coordinator of the Liberal Studies Project for the California State University at Northridge. *(The Williams Record)*

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News Briefs from around the World

compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Suicide bombing kills 19 in Israel

On Sunday 22 January, 19 Israelis, all but one of them soldiers barely old enough to vote, were killed in a Palestinian suicide bombing. The bombing also injured around sixty people. Israelis had not lost so many of their soldiers at one time since their war in Lebanon in the early 1980's. In the last nine months, about 54 people in Israel have been killed killed and another 200 injured in Palestinian suicide bombings.

Interfax causes missile scare

An erroneous report published by Russia's Interfax news agency on 25 January indicated that Russian air defense forces had shot down a missile aimed at the country from Western Europe. Western agencies quickly revealed that Norway had launched a civilian research missile from Andoya, in northern Norway, to investigate the Northern Lights (aurora borealis) over Svalbard—a group of islands some 650 kilometers north of the country. Three Russian radar sites observed the missile, but it did not cross Russian territory and was not fired at by air defense forces.

The initial report sent tremors through Europe and some London speculators were prompted to buy up dollars as a hedge against uncertainty.

Military operation in Chechnya completed, Russia says

On Wednesday 25 January, Russia's Security Council stated that the military operation in Chechnya was effectivley over. The Security Council also announced that it is placing paramilitary police in charge of the offensive against Chechen separatists. However, so far there has been no move to withdraw the army from the Caucasian republic. As of Wednesday, Russian forces continued aerial bombardments and lightly-armed Chechens fought back. The Itar-Tass news agency reported that the Chechens shot down two Russian helicopter gunships north of Grozny, killing all six crew members.

Two ceremonies planned for Auschwitz

After weeks of disagreement between the Polish government and Jewish organizations over how the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau should be commemorated, two separate ceremonies have been planned on Thursday and Friday.

Angered that the Polish government would not give the appropriate Jewish dimension to the official ceremony on Friday, the European Jewish Congress organized a religious observance yesterday at Birkenau, where Auschwitz inmates were gassed during WWII. Jews accounted for more than 90 percent of those killed at the Nazis' biggest death complex from 1940 until it was liberated on 27 January 1945. The Polish government's ceremony reflects the view of the Polish people, half of whom equate the word "Auschwitz" with the martyrdom of their nation.

Israeli government announces construction of settlements

The Israeli government approved plans for at least 2,200 new West Bank apartments this year near Jerusalem, but said it would slow the pace of construction. However, this move has drawn criticism from all sides. Palestinians expressed anger that consruction of any kind would continue in West Bank. Jewish settler leaders and the Likud-led political opposition were also displeaased, complaining that the Government had yielded to PLO pressure and set aside plans for several thousand more housing units.

Mediators break off mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina

International mediators from the Contact Group broke off their peace mission to Bosnia on Wednesday, accusing the Bosnian Serbs of blocking the way to a resumption of peace talks.

The group, comprising of officials from US, Russia, UK, Germany and France, failed to persuade the Serbs to sign a peace plan designed to end the three years of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The proposed plan, which has been signed by Bosnian Muslims and Croats, would give Serbs 49 percent of territory and the rest to Muslim-Croat confederation. Serbs currently occupy 70 percent of the land.

Sources :
New York Times, Associated Press, Open Media Research Institute Daily Digest

Weekend Weather

Saturday: Cold with chance of flurries. High 20, low near zero.
Sunday: Fair. High 20, low 10.

National News Briefs

compiled by Nahid Rahman '96

Clinton delivers the State of the Union message

In the State of the Union talk delivered last Tuesday, Jan. 24, President Clinton proposed a national registry to check the immigration status of job applicants, a campaign against teen-age pregnancy and an unspecified increase in the minimum wage. He stressed shared responsibilities of government and citizens and called on the nation to participate in political discourses. Reminding the new Republican Congress about their responsibilities, Clinton said, "We cannot ask Americans to be better citizens if we are not better servants." He added that government should be smaller in size but not in spirit.

Bill curbing U.N. funding proposed

Senior Republican lawmakers have introduced legislation that would almost certainly terminate direct U.S. funding of more than a dozen U.N. peacekeeping operations in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Central America. The proposal would reduce reduce U.S. payments to an already financially strapped United Nations by $1 billion per year and could cost the U.N. much more if other major donor countries adopted a similar accounting change.

Another interest rate hike expected

Testifying before the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday, Jan. 25, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said that the economy was getting too strong to keep inflation at bay. This has led to speculations about an imminent interest rate hike. The business community has reacted to this possible interest rate increase by saying that another rate increase will stifle the economy.

Rose Kennedy dies at 104

Rose Elizabeth Fitzerald Kennedy, mother of John F. Kennedy died last Sunday, Jan. 22, at her family home in Hyannisport on Cape Cod. According to family sources, she was 104 and died from complications of pneumonia. Mrs. Kennedy is survived by five children, twenty eight grandchildren and forty-one great-grandchildren.

He couldn't have done it, Simpson attorney claims

O. J. Simpson's defense attorney Johnnie Cochran says Simpson's doctors will testify that he suffers from severe arthritis in the hands, and that the arthritis had flared up at the time of the murders, thus rendering him physically unable to commit the two murders he has been charged with. Cochran also told jurors that whoever committed the murders would've been splattered with blood because of the struggle. He says that blood would've been found in Simpson's Ford Bronco — his alleged get-away vehicle — if Simpson had done the killings.

Sources :
NYT, AP, Washington Post

Community pays final respects to Rusty Smith

PHOTO BY TUCKER PIERSON '97

Friends congregrate outside Chapel before Smith's memorial service.

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'92, of the fraternity each spoke about their personal experiences with Smith throughout their years at Hamilton. Each had particular memories of their time on the hill which they shared with the gathered group. Each set of speakers both memorialized and celebrate the life that Rusty Smith lived and the parts of this life which touched them all.

The service's common thread was the amount of admiration that each speaker had for Smith and the high respect in which they held him. The final section of the service was the Jewish ritual of the mourners Kaddish as recited by members of the Hillel community. The conclusion of the service was followed by a reception in the Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center.

Cafe Opus makes its debut in former coffeehouse location

By Joseph Saponaro '96
News Staff Writer

Two spouses of Hamilton professors, Larry Bender and Sarah Goldstein, have arranged a contract agreement with Hamilton College to lease the old Coffeehouse space in McEwen and to revive it as Cafe Opus.

This new incarnation, the managers claim, aspires to be drastically different from the previous student-managed version in that it will feature a variety of specialty coffees, including cappucino, latte, and, as the primary item, espresso. Teas, fruit juices, and Italian sodas are also on the beverage menu. It will serve desserts and confections such as cheesecake, chocolate truffles, and breakfast foods.

All goods will be purchased from off-campus suppliers and local bakeries; students will not be able to contribute goods to the countertop as they had in the past. Students have already been hired to staff the counter and Bender and Goldstein will themselves be working some of the morning and afternoon hours.

Dean of Students Jan Coates was the primary administrative contact in this arrangement. President Tobin, Vice President for Administrtation and Finance Dan O'Leary, and Director of Auxiliary and Contract Services Betsy Espe were consulted throughout the process.

The managers credited the above along with Director of Student Activities Beverly Low with providing guidance and assistance in realizing this project. Bender said "they were very supportive and essential in transforming the lounge area into a usable space for a coffeehouse environment." This cooperation involved adding tables and chairs from Bristol Campus Center to the area and installing a stereo system and speakers. The new managers hope that these changes, as well as an expanded product range, will enhance the atmosphere of the lounge area.

Bender and Goldstein stressed that Cafe Opus in all regards "hopes to evolve with student requests and campus demand," adding foods to the menu as necessitated by a changing campus.

Cafe Opus' official opening will be at 10:00 p.m. Friday, January 27th. Business hours will be from Monday to Thursday, 9:30 AM to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The original Coffeehouse opened approximately ten years ago and remained under the same organizational structure in its lifetime. Dean Coates explained that "the old Coffeehouse was extremely expensive to run, it was labor intensive and heavily subsidized by the College." She adds that the College, though not subsidizing Cafe Opus, strongly supports its hopes of offering new "social opportunities and settings" for Hamilton.

Bender, who has lived previously in Oregon, related that he was disappointed to find that the East Coast lacked the stylish coffee/espresso bars of the Northwest. The desire to introduce a similar establishment at Hamilton complemented the desire to contribute something new to campus life. "I hope that the Cafe can act as a catalyst that can give the students a sense of ownership of the lounge space and create a viable gathering area for the whole community."

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Bender and Goldstein infront of their creation : Cafe Opus

New trancript format under consideration

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feel they had adjusted their grading patterns to be more harsh. Geology Professor Cynthia Domack felt that her upper level courses have always been challenging and that the commitment her students exhibit on that level is rewarded with the grade the student earns. She felt that the increased awareness of grade infaltion on campus was good. "She liked the President's comments and felt that they supported the challenging atmosphere that the faculty wants in the classroom."

Professor of Sociology Dennis Gilbert felt that grade inflation was a problem in the early eighties but that without more study into the grade comparisons it would be hard to see what caused the shift at the bottom of the grade distribution. He stated that "a lot of professors feel that there are a certain percentage of students who aren't doing a thing and perhaps, some of those students shouldn't be here." He felt that perhaps professors were fed up with these types of students and the grades reflected that sentiment.

Students don't feel that there have been overt changes made in their professor's expectations of them. One senior student felt that "the professors who know me well have a set grade in their head because that is what they see as my regular ability level." This same student expressed that, "Brown-nosing is alive and well at Hamilton."

Student Assembly President Andrew Edelson '97 stated that after studying the statistics "it appears as if we are moving in the right direction, but if the object of professors is to fight grade inflation, and make a student earn an A or a B, I feel we have a little ways to go."

One of the ways the administration may be looking to go that extra distance in the struggle against grade inflation is a new transcript format. President Tobin and the Committee on Academic Standing will be meeting later this week to discuss the possibility of instituting a novel approach to transcripts.

The proposed new transcript would show the earned mark, the median course grade and the number of students enrolled in the course. This would enable the comparison and weighting of a particular grade in relation to the rest of the class.

This format is currently used by Dartmouth College and Hayes indicated there is a strong push from President Tobin to implement this format as soon as possible.

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Fuller optimistic about the future as admission numbers continue rebound

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before Part II helps the Admission Office prepare for the onslaught of applications that arrives in January as deadlines approach.

Fuller said that the two part applications procedure may make the admissions process look less daunting to some. "It helps students easily as much as it helps us," he said.

Displeasure with article

He expressed his displeasure with the *New York Times* article. "I was disappointed because it was such a vastly different article from the tone of the conversation we had with the reporter that day," he said, referring to the day long visit to Hamilton conducted by the author of the article. Interviews that day took place with both Fuller and President Eugene Tobin.

"I would have like to have seen the article take a slightly different focus," commented Director of College Relations Michael Debraggio. He added that the tone of the article was different from that in the interviews.

He said that the article drew a direct cause and effect relationship between the *U.S. News* survey and the desire of admissions deans to improve their statistics. This sort of relationship does not exist, he said.

"Fit [between the school and the student] is the most important factor in the admissions process," he added, pointing out that the goal of the Admission Office is to recruit students who are likely to thrive at Hamilton.

Improved admissions numbers at Hamilton

Fuller said that more applications have been received this year than at the same time a year ago. He estimated that there will be six to eight percent more applicants this year with the acceptance rate falling below fifty percent for the first time in three years..

Additionally, applications from women are up ten percent over last year. Since Hamilton became coed in the late 1970's, men have outnumbered women in all but one class.

Fuller attributed this year's improved admissions numbers to a personalization of the admissions process and other changes that has been instituted since he came to Hamilton last summer. These changes include the sending of followup letters to applicants who have strong interviews, additional open houses form prospective students, and having a student or faculty member personally contact each admitted Hamilton applicant.

"We can be successful as a college in this [admission effort]," said Fuller who added that he is meeting with as many students, faculty members, and administrators as possible to inform them of admissions programs. More Admission Office staff meetings have been held this year than in the past, he noted.

Possible cutbacks in government aid

Fuller said he was not concerned about possible cutbacks in federal and state aid to colleges. Three quarters of Hamilton's operating budget comes from tuitions and fees, 14 percent from the endowment, and less than six percent from government aid.

With the election of George Pataki as New York's governor, there have been widespread fears that aid to the state university system (SUNY) will be drastically cut.

One Hamilton faculty member suggested a possible silver lining were that to happen— Hamilton applications would increase as a result of the SUNY system's dire condition.

Though such a scenario is unlikely, Fuller said that in the future, the SUNY system may institute a need based tuition policy, thereby raising the cost of an education for the wealthiest students. This, he suggested, would make Hamilton more attractive to a large number of prospective students.

Dean of Faculty search process narrows to three final candidates

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committee hired a consultant, Shelly Storbeck, to help with the search. She succeeded in generating over two hundred applications and helped organize the schedule and format of the search. Professor Rabinowitz, Chairman of the Search Committee, stated that the final three candidates possessed diverse academic backgrounds, strong curricular ideas, financial experience, and an excellent ability to talk to people with differing backgrounds and ideas.

Bobby Fong, one of the three candidates, holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of California at Los Angeles, and is the current Chairman of the Board of the Association of American Colleges. Fong served as the Dean of Arts & Humanities and as a professor at Hope College since 1989. He also chaired the Committee on Curriculum, Faculty, and Work Life in 1985-6 at Berea College.

Sharon D. Herzberger, Ph.D., Psychology, U. of Illinois, conducted the Trinity College Department of Psychology as Chair from 1985 to 1993, and has also taught psychology there since 1987. She held (among others) the offices of College Affirmative Action Officer and Special Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action. She has an extensive background in social psychology and the psychology of aggression.

Anita F. Solow, Ph.D., Mathematics, Dartmouth College, visited Hamilton yesterday. She heads the Examination Committee of the Advanced Placement Calculus Program as Chair, and she teaches as Associate Professor of Mathematics at Grinnell. Solow served on the Grinnell Faculty Development Committee in 1991 and co-chaired the Committee on Teacher Evaluation in 1989-90.

Dean Kolb effused, "I think they're all splendid." Whichever of the three candidates is appointed will be faced with the task of helping Hamilton move into the 21st century, and each of the three candidates was "unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed" by the Search Committee, reported Professor Rabinowitz. Hamilton College attempted to gain an early start, because many other colleges are also actively searching for the best candidates.

Professor Rabinowitz was very excited about the entire process and concluded that the selection of a new Dean of Faculty would be "a moment at which Hamilton will be defining itself for its future."

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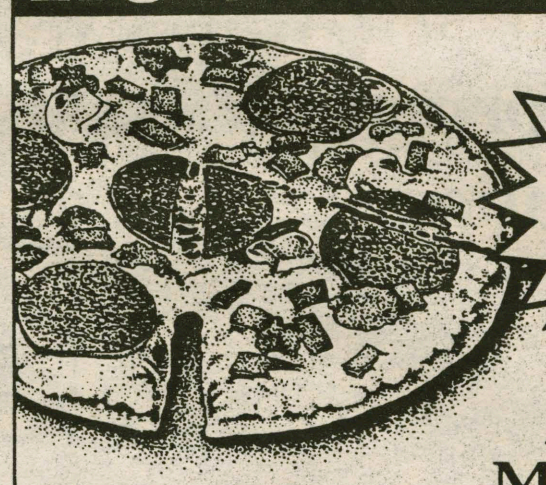

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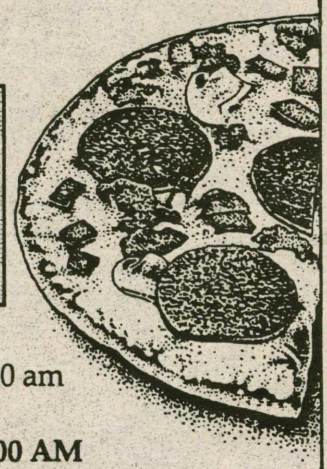

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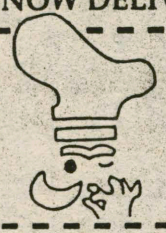

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Burke Library and Computer Center extend night hours

By Joe November '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Starting last Monday, the Burke Library and the Robert E. Jones Computer Center, which resides in the basement of Burke Library, have extended their weekday hours until 2:00 a.m. and will stay open that late for the rest of the semester.

The extension of the two extra hours came about mainly from a proposal put forth by President Tobin which called for additional library and computer center hours in order to accommodate the needs of the student body. According to Dave Smallen, Director of Information Technology Services (ITS), "keeping the academic facilities open later is consistent with Hamilton's policy of striving for academic excellence." The newly added hours are, however, experimental for this semester only, but will become permanent should they prove to be useful.

For the remainder of the academic year, the Burke Library building will keep its doors open until 2:00 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday and will stay open until 12:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. The hours for the computing facilities in KJ220 and KJ225 have been extended to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. The computer center in Burke will operate as usual during the the later hours but the library will maintain only limited services during those hours. Although all of Burke Library's resources will be available after midnight, students will not be able to check-out materiels or consult the reference librarians between midnight and 2:00 a.m. Sharon Britton, Director of Public Services for the Burke Library, said that, "a staff shortage is the reason that the library will not be offering check-out or reference services past midnight." The library will, however, have a Hamilton College Security Guard on duty at all times during the newly added hours.

The idea of keeping the library and computer center open later was actually brought up by many students including members of Was Los, a formerly secretive honor society comprised of Juniors. Apparently Was Los proposed the idea of keeping the computer center open late to President Tobin during one of his weekly "discussions" on the Winter Porch of Beineke Student Village. Was Los member Matt Hicks described the extension of computer center hours as a "socioeconomic issue" and "not just an aid to procrastinators." He cited the extension of Burke's hours as, "a service to those who need to work late but cannot afford computers in their dorm rooms."

The cost of extending the hours of the library and computer center is relatively inexpensive compared to many of the school's other activities. Dave Smallen pointed out that it only costs about $2,000 per semester for the computer center to stay open 2 hours later on weekday evenings. The library too requires addition funds in order to stay open later because it has to pay for someone to supervise the building until 2:00 a.m. and then shut down the building when the students leave. The student employees of the ITS who actually work the 12:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. shift are paid "considerably more than usual" according to several sources and are eager to continue working the new late shift.

The initial student response to the extended hours has been low, as expected, but it has only been a few days since the new hours were implemented. Todd Moore '95, an ITS staff member, expects that, "once people find out about the new hours, they will readjust their schedules and will work here later." Along the same line, Caitlin Hurley '95, another ITS staff member, says, "People will use the later hours more often as the semester goes on since they will have more work as the semester continues."

The future of the two facilities' hours will be determined by how well students make use of them and if the new hours' benefits outweigh the costs. Any comments, questions, or suggestions about the new hours in the Computer Center should go to Lisa Rogers, Assistant Director of ITS.

Student Activities Committee sponsors cultural workshop

By Alan Lee '95
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Students Activities Committee (SAC), in an effort to get the Hamilton community to talk honestly and constructively about issues of race, gender, and cultural relations, is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Our Cultures, Ourselves: Working with Difference."

The workshop, which replaces the 1995 Adler Conference, is planned for next Friday, February 3 from 12 to 5 PM. All members of the community are invited to be a part of this event, either as facilitators or participants. Dr. Paul Pederson, Professor of Education at Syracuse University and an expert in the field of intercultural communication, will be the keynote speaker. He will also train facilitators as well as help structure and organize the workshop.

The need for further reflection and discussions concerning the diverse racial, gender, and sexual identities present on campus became clear last semester following the doll-throwing incident during Hamilton's first home hockey game. The numerous accusations which flew back and forth among various groups, and the subsequent publicizing of the incident in local and national newspapers, highlighted the lack of a public forum within the college where discussions can be held in a rational and constructive manner.

The SAC is hoping the one-afternoon workshop will be a first step towards creating a healthy college environment where sensitive issues can be discussed sensibly and openly. Associate Dean of Students, Nancy Thompson, says the committee recognizes that "one afternoon and one initiative will not solve everything" but at the same time, believes that the workshop will be "one of many ways that we work together to make Hamilton a better place."

In a similarly optimistic tone, Prof. George Raiche sees the workshop as a chance for Hamilton to "bring to closure a painful incident for many members of our community while building the foundation for an ongoing examination of our evolving cultural identities and practices."

The workshop will be structured in a way that will enable every participant to play an active role in discussions. Following introductions and the keynote address by Dr. Pederson, participants will be divided into small groups of about ten people. Each group will observe hypothetical incidents that will be roleplayed by workshop facilitators, who will have been trained the evening before by Dr. Pederson. The "incidents" - of racist, sexist, homophobic, classist, or otherwise disrespectful natures - will be based on like incidents that have, or could have, happenned at Hamilton. The groups will then discuss and identify problems related to each hypothetical incident, and eventually generate a list of specific ways of addressing such problems.

The lists will be compiled and passed on to President Tobin and other senior officers of the College, as well as to the Campus Relations Committee.

(All those interested in helping out as facilitators should contact Dean Thompson at the Dean of Students Office. Bag Lunches will be provided on the day of the workshop)

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News Briefs

Diner extends meal card equivalency hours

As of Saturday 28 January, the Diner will be offering equivalency hour on weekends in addition to the regular equivalency hours during workin days. On Saturdays and Sundays, there will be lunch equivalency hours fro one to three in the afternoon. For dinner, the hours will be 8 pm to 2 am o Saturdays and 8 pm to 1 am on Sundays.

Cash only hours have also been extended by two hours (4 pm to 6 pm) o Mondays thru Fridays.

Colgate and Hamilton to share Mellon Grant

Hamilton College and Colgate University have received a four-year gran of $850,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to collaborate and shar resources for foreign language instruction. The grant will enable the tw colleges to develop, acquire and share instructional technology and faculty i foreign languages.

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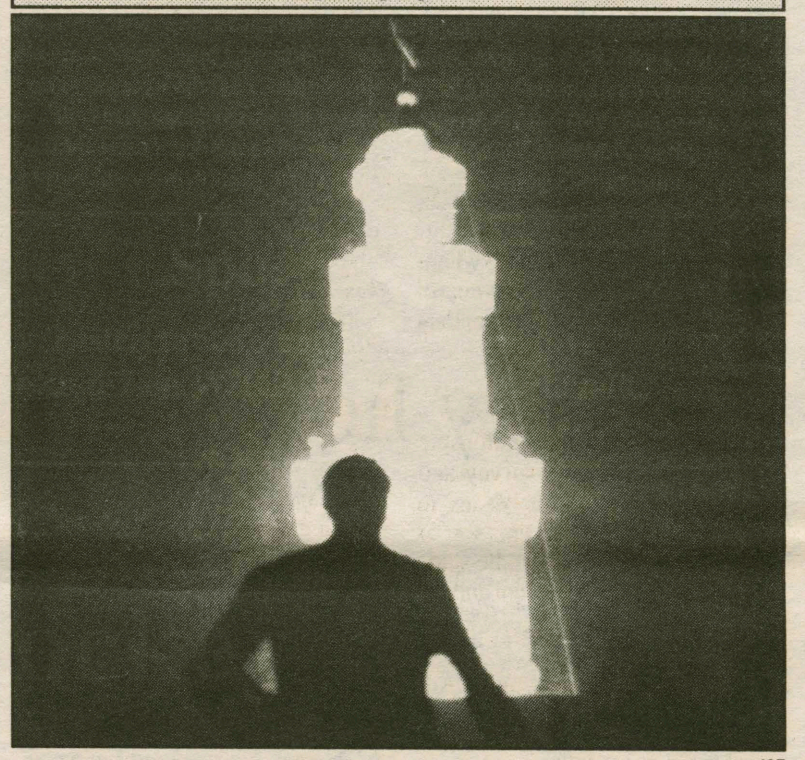

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Hamilton students bound for Antarctica

By Nadine Neue '98
Features Editor

There are two students walking around the Hamilton campus who will be at the bottom of the world next week. Martin Hilfinger '95 and Jordan Franceschini '95 are getting ready to join a scientific expedition in Antarctica. This six week excursion is a chance that many seniors who are well versed in the areas of geology and the other practical sciences could have.

Professor Eugene Domack has been giving this "opportunity of a lifetime" to several students since 1987. In Antarctica, Martin and Jordan will be working on a research vessel studying glacier movement thousands of years ago . This research can then be applied to the results of global warming today.

Starting on Sunday, the 29th of January, Martin and Jordan will be flying down to New Zealand where they will meet the people who they will be working closely with in the following weeks. Professor Domack will be joining them down in Antarctica later in mid-Febuary where he will be Chief Scientist on board.

Hamilton is the only undergraduate school who is taking along students on this project. The rest of the people involved are established scientists in the field or graduate students from Colorado University and Rice University. The National Science Fundation (NSF), which is a branch of the U.S. Government, is funding the expedition. The chance that Jordan and Micheal have been presented is part of a grant that the NSF had given to Professor Domack.

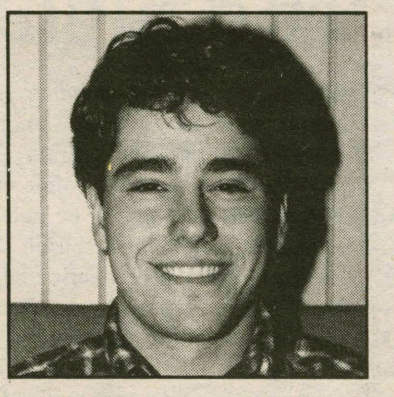
In New Zealand, all the supplies needed for the expedition will be bought and paid for by the NSF. Then, a military plane will fly the group down to McMurdo; one of the largest research bases in Antarctica. At McMurdo the expedition will board the research vessel that will be their home for almost the next couple of months. If everything goes well and there are no sudden changes in the weather near the end of their stay, Professor Domack, Jordan and Martin will be back here at Hamilton after the spring break.

The NFS's research vessel is called Nathanial B. Palmer and is one of the most up to date research vessels today. On board, the team will be doing something called "sediment coring." This is collecting samples of sediment from the ocean floor by shooting a cylindrical metal rod towards the bottom of the ocean. The collected sample can then, in some types of this coring process, be taken out of the center of the rod and analyzed in layers.

The compilation of such studies hopes to produce theories on how the glaciers, or ice sheets, of Antarctica reacted to the changes in the climate and temperature through the eons. Through this scientists can then make predictions about how the glaciers will react to the climate change that is said to be taking place now (global warming).

Antarctica contains a lot of frozen water and with climate change and warming lots of extra water would be added to the oceans. Not only could this sink New York City, but in fact this fresh water could affect the life in the oceans and as a result, all living things on earth.

The ship isn't only state of the art for research technology. Each room has cable TV and a computer terminal. So while on board, and working in eight hour shifts, Martin and Jordan will still be keeping up with their school work from Hamilton thorugh e-mail. Professor Domack mentioned that he was very thankful to the Hamilton faculty for making this expedition possible for the students without academic consequences.



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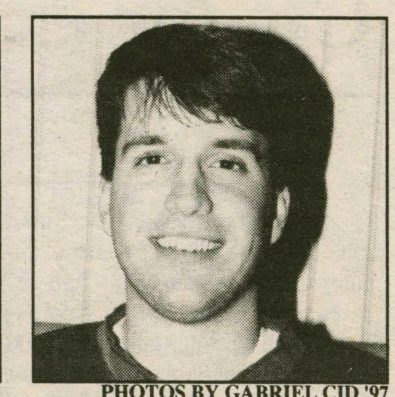

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Hilfinger

Both students from Hamilton are seniors and Geology majors. The work that is being done in the experiments on board the Nathanial relate to the topic that both Martin and Jordan are working on for thier senoir thesis. At the same time, the trip is part of an Independant study that both are taking with Professor Domack Called "Antarctic Seminar." In Antarctica near the Ross Sea, lectures for class will still be held.

The Nathanial will be the last research vessel to leave Antarctica before winter begins "down-under." That could become a potential hazard if the ship becomes frozen in for the winter. The Nathanial could easily survive with the research team and the crew comfortably watching polar bears (total 35) for a very long time. But then Professor Domack, Jordan, and Martin would be down there for a lot longer than they expected, which we hope won't happen. Good Luck and take some pictures of a couple of penguins for the rest of us.

Holiday horrors at Hamilton; forgetfulness lurks

By Nadine Neue '98
Features Editor

After returning from a relaxing couple of weeks at home with Mom at your service and Dad to borrow money from, each of us is back in our individual cells here at Hamilton. These tiny spaces contain everything that we value; our stereo, our T.V, our favorite old sweater, and various other items that we would never dare bring home (enough said). You're sure everything's packed and safe and you're in the car on your way...but are you sure your precious belongings aren't in danger or that you haven't forgotten something vital? Here is a brief summary of the strangest stories that happened to rooms and dorms during the holidays.

Naturally, what happened most frequently was that someone would leave the window open. A sure winner for a horrible second semester, since now you have succesfully ruined eveything that you own. The stereo has been rained on, snowed on, and now it's busy defrosting!

Another common tale was that of the newly discovered fungus under the bed. Every one of us lacks the utter anal retentivity to clean every minute corner of our room. Under the bed, is a classic "dust and leftover memorabilia from last semester museum." Now one or two of us may have remembered that leftover buffalo wing in the back corner, but most forgot.

Fumes erupt as you open your door and suddenly it all comes back-that faithful day you and "the guys" had those three large pizza's from Roma's and couldn't finish them all. Congratulations! You are now growing your own samples of rare NorthEast-American bacillusromus. If you try *really hard* to leave the right kind of rotting food under your bed you may even find some well-loved species of mushroom, but that's unlikely.

A real story of holiday horrors was handed down to me: A faucet was left dripping, which in itself would not have been a problem, but the drain was clogged. Three to almost four weeks went by and this faucet ran and ran. When finally students started returning this faucet had managed to fill the entire floor with a tiny layer of water...not a problem right? ...Remember most precious things are left under that bed as we've established, so a lot was ruined.

Weren't the janitors there? That faucet couldn't have flooded that large an area! Hey, maybe! It's a rumor, and like so many others it was probably just a puddle which was then turned into a horror story by many wagging tongues. Sound familiar? These other two stories took place on my hallway and they are no rumor, these are first hand.

One unfortunate soul was handed a fridge from another student going abroad. "All yours," he was told. "Oh thanks," he smiled. Famous last words. The Fridge contained meat. Upon returning the stench didn't only inhabit the room as the "under the bed growth" did, but instead penetrated out through every nook and cranny and into the hallway. Even today sometimes when you least expect it-it suddenly creeps up on you..

Last but not least, somebody forgot that even when they are gone, their alarm clock does not immidiately realize that. For some reason an alarm clock very close to my own room randomly decided to well "alarm" at about 11p.m. This was not your average alarm clock.. no, no such luck, this was a radio alarm, turned up to full volume. The door was locked, nobody had a key..sleep was not an issue that night. Culprit, you know who you are one dark night, maybe even during finals, that alarm clock will come back to haunt you.

Cat's Cook Corner

Instant GIngersnap Cake

Ingredients: serves 4

2 c or more heavy or whipping cream
1 heaping tbs powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
11-ounce can mandarin orange slices
1/2 cup sherry
30 gingersnap cookies

Chances are you do not have an electric beater, but if you do make real whipped cream. To do this pour the cream into a bowl, add the sugar and vanilla and then beat until it forms stiff peaks. Set this aside. Next open the can of mandarin oranges and drain them well. Keep three tablespoons of the syrup they were in and place it into a bowl, add the sherry, and stir. Set this aside. Okay, then go back to the oranges and select twelve of these for garnish. Set these aside. Now we're ready for the "baking"(of a no bake recipe). Create an assembly line. Start with gingersnaps, sherry-syrup mixture, whipped cream, orange segments, and your serving plate. Start dipping a gingersnap into the sherry for 3 seconds per side. Careful— if soaked too long, they will disintegrate. Then, remove the cookie from the sherry and spread a small amount of whipped cream on each side of the cookie. Then place the gingersnap upright, vertical on the plate and prop it with a mandarin slice. The whipped cream should make the orange stick to the cookie. If it starts to wobble, don't worry, it's like building a house; the more walls the more support. Continue this process sandwiching oranges between gingersnaps arranging them in a ring 6" to 8" in diameter. Then take the whipped cream(you might need more) and cover the top and sides of the cake. Don't be skimpy! After finishing clean the plate edges from residue and arrange the orange segments on the top of the cake. Cover the cake with plastic wrap(loosely, you might want to put in toothpicks and then saran wrap it.) Then allow to sit in the fridge for at least two hours, but not more than four.

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From the Ivory Tower, Professor Wagner speaks

By Marie Follayttar '98
Features Editor

I climb the steep stairs of Root Hall, toward the expansive hideout of Fred Wagner, professor of the English Department. I peer around the half open door. "Hello," I inquire. Leaning over a conference table straightening papers, his back toward me, he says, "Hello Marie." This morning after class I had asked him if I could interview him. A few hours later, he still remembered my voice.a small sign of the value he places toward his students and toward his job. He truly loves teaching.

His office is overridden with things, small tokens, memories. Pictures, some brittle and crumbling,

others crisp new, are molded onto the walls. Portraits of authors and symbols. An office not decorated but loved.

We sit and smile. I hardly had to query, to invite answers. He was willing and soon took over the interview. He came to Hamilton in 1969; he is a legacy, a teacher who could have taught our mothers and fathers and who, if he had, would remember them. He graduated from Duke University, after earning his way through school. He smiles as he recalls the smell of grease pervading his clothes and the "hand me down" clothes given to him by the wife of the Chair of the English Department after her husband's death. He continued his studies at Duke and received his Masters at the age of 21. He then taught at Oklahoma State and later at Duke.

Despite his three year term in the army, he never wanted to leave the "Ivory Tower," as he terms the educational system. However, after returning home he entered the "real world" of publishing. After twelve years in publishing he was told by the executive editor that in three years he would become the Vice President of the firm. He left the office dejected. He had reached the top of a world and "it didn't mean anything." He was told he was being "romantic and foolish," but he sacrificed his success for satisfaction and returned to Duke to gain his doctorate. From there he arrived at Hamilton, wanting the small, liberal arts environment.

He didn't want to be a research scholar teaching only for the money. He wanted to teach and write on the side, both of which he did. Before coming to Hamilton he wrote three books for teenagers. At Hamilton he wrote one more book. As for teaching, his success multiplied even further. Last semester while looking for classes, a senior advised me to take a Wagner class. I asked her why, and she just said that I had to, that she had passed over the opportunity of taking one of his classes and now regretted it.

As I talked to him today and as I listened to him in class, it became more apparent why my friend advised me to take his course. He teaches what *he* wants to teach and has the ability and the authority to be picky. "The difference between better works and the less better is that the better are always yielding more questions." He says that he will not teach Edgar Allen Poe or F. Scott Fitzgerald for he has "no more questions to ask."

Unfortunately, those now regretting not taking a course with him will not have the opportunity to learn from him. This is his last semester at Hamilton. In 1992 he suffered from a stroke and no longer has the energy to continue his job. He told me that other professors question his decision; they think that he is doing quite well, but he has made his decision. This decision is based on his own standards and not others' for as he says, "I can't measure up to my own standards." He wants to be able to apply himself as before and he will not subject others to his perceived mediocrity.

Although Wagner is retiring, he is not closing down. He relishes the possible exploration of the Internet's Cyberspace. There is also a novel waiting to be written. Undoubtedly, he will remain a presence on this campus. For he emphasized, while I was packing up to leave, that he could not have become a good teacher without tremendous support from within the department.

FYI: The healthy way to lose fat

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

If you are trying to lose weight or maintain an ideal weight, you should pay more attention to what per cent of your dietary intake is made up of fat calories. Excess fat not used by the body is stores as fatty tissue. Recent studies have shown that the amount of fat you eat should not exceed 30 percent of your total caloric intake per day.

To determine how much fat you are eating, you need to do a little math and learn how to read food labels. Because food labels list fat in Grams(Gm) per serving, you have to convert your food needs to Gm. Begin by deciding how many calories you need per day to meet your individual body's needs. This will vary with age, sex, body build and activity/exercise level. Your health care provider or athletic trainer can help you determine this. An average 19 to 22 year old male weighing 160 pounds and standing 6 feet tall requires 2500-3000 calories per day. A female the same age, weighing 120 pounds at 5 feet 4 inches tall requires 1700 to 2500 calories per day.

Once you know your caloric needs, simply multiply that number by 30 percent to find out how many fat calories you should have per the number of fat calories by 9 to find out how many Gms. of fat you can eat. On a 2000 calories diet, you should eat no more than 600 fat calories or 66 Gm of fat.

Now you're ready to pay attention to the labels on food items. The most important thing to remember

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You were born a scholar. You learned to walk. You learned to talk. You learned to learn. You came to Hamilton. You needed friends. You made friends. You lost friends. You changed friends. You changed. You felt different. You were different. You tried to be the same. You tried to be different. You embrace difference. You made a difference. You ate. You drank. You were merry. You were sad.You cried. You listened to others cry. You were you. You studied. You worked. You played. You joined. You led. You gave. You took. Now you want to give something back.

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Mind Matters: stress, it's time to lighten up

By Peter Sullivan '95
Peer Advisor

Once again it's that time on the Hamilton campus when mechanisms for stress management must be discussed. Between classes, upcoming exams and papers, theses, job searches, athletics, clubs & organizations, relationships, and Constitutional Law, I'm surprised Hamilton doesn't offer a class on stress management. It's clear, stress is a normal aspect of college life. Everybody experiences it. In small amounts, stress can be a source of motivation. To greater degrees, however, it can lead to anxiety and ultimately anxiety disorders.

Stress can result from a bad relationship, lots of work, lack of friends, peer pressure, too much or too little exercise, drugs, alcohol or lack of balanced diet. Most anybody can relate to one of these. Simple solutions can usually include time management, exercise, good nutrition and a healthy amount of sleep. However when stress becomes more intense, certain methods of relaxation and meditation can be used to bring the level of anxiety back down to a controllable level.

Edmund J. Bourne, Ph.D., defines deep relaxation as "a distinct physiological state that is the exact opposite of the way your body reacts under stress or during a panic attack"(Bourne, p. 65, 1990). Some of the more noticeable physiological chages are a decrease in heart rate, respiration rate, blood pressure, oxygen consumption, analytical thinking and an increase in skin resistance. A half hour of deep relaxation can be very therapeutic. The best results are achieved when it is done daily for several weeks. Results are usually significant and can bring about increased energy and productivity levels, improved memory and concentration, greater self confidence and awareness of feelings and on a more serious level can be greatly useful in controlling the frequency and severity of panic attacks.

The most commonly used methods of deep relaxation are abdominal breathing, muscle relaxation, visualizing a peaceful scene and meditation.
They can all be used separately but work best when in conjunction with each other. I will outline the methods of abdominal breathing and meditation for you.

Breathing exercises can be very useful in relaxation because they can quiet your mind and bring you from up in your head down into the rest of your body. If stressed or anxiety ridden, you will notice that breathing will tend to be rapid and shallow. The following is a technique that will allow you to breathe more deeply and fully from the abdomen:

1. First place your hand on you abdomen right beneath you rib cage.

2. Then you want to inhale as slowly and deeply as you can through your nose and bring it to the bottom of your lungs, as deeply into your diaphragm as possible. If successful, you'll notice that you chest will stay stationary while your diaphragm expands greatly.

3. When you have inhaled as deeply as possible pause for a moment and then exhale slowly and fully allowing your whole body to go limp.

4. Practice making this process as smooth and regular as possible and then you'll want to incorporate it into a count of ten, progressing with each exhalation. Like this:

Slow inhale...pause...Slow exhale (count "one")

Slow inhale...pause...Slow exhale (count "two")

and so on until ten.

5. You'll find it most rewarding by doing sets of this, counting to ten every time. Five minutes of this will result in a serious level of relaxation.

Meditation is a more powerful form of relaxation. When done right, it allows you to come in contact with your inner feelings and can bring you to that place of "just being." This is where you are only aware of the here and now. Thoughts of the past and future dissipate.

As with the other forms of relaxation, it is important to find a quiet and open space. Some of the muscle relaxation techniques should be used prior to meditating. As far as sitting is concerned, you can sit cross-legged with a straight back, sitting slightly forward while putting some pressure on your thighs as well as your buttocks. Hands are placed on your thighs with open palms facing upward or you can sit with upright posture in a straight backed chair with feet on the floor and again hands on thighs with open palms facing upward.

The most common method of meditation is that of using a mantra. You must choose a neutral word such as "one" or a more commonly used Sanskrit mantra such as "So-Hum" or even a phrase that has significance and repeat it on exhalation. It is important to concentrate on clearing your mind. If any thoughts start to materialize, bring your attention back to the repetitive word. You should allow 20-30 minutes a day for this. It is the most demanding form of relaxation and very difficult to master. However, once successful, it can be more that rewarding.

Remember stress and even anxiety are very prevalent among college students. In no way should this be misconstrued as "abnormal". A healthy diet of exercise, nutrition and sleep are helpful steps in regulating stress and anxiety. In addition, relaxation techniques and meditation are more thorough ways of regulating it and are useful ways to maintain it at aworkable level. Even if your level of anxiety is perfectly normal, these exercises can be used to sharpen your wareness, create more self confidence and ultimately make you a happier and more productive person. More thorough literature can be found in the library or at the CounselingCenter.
Sources:

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Reduce your body fat

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is that the Gm. of fat are listed per serving and most containers have multiple servings. You'll be surprised at how much fat is in most foods. Consider this lunch: a peanut butter sandwich (20 Gm), 2 ounces of potato chips (20 Gm) and one cup of whole milk (8 Gm). If you're on a 2000 calorie diet, you've just had most of the fat you're allowed for the day. Begin reading all food labels and buy low or non fat foods when you can.

Since you can't read labels in the dining halls, try to avoid obvious fats such as bacon, sausage, gravies, fried and sauteed foods. When you eat red meat, choose lean meat. Remove skin from chicken - it's pure fat. Use low or non-fat dairy products and limit the amount of cheese you eat.

Some low fat snack foods include pretzels, plain popcorn, fresh fruits and vegetables and low or non-fat yogurt.

The Health Center has pamphlets on low fat diets and can help you plan a diet to meet your individual needs.

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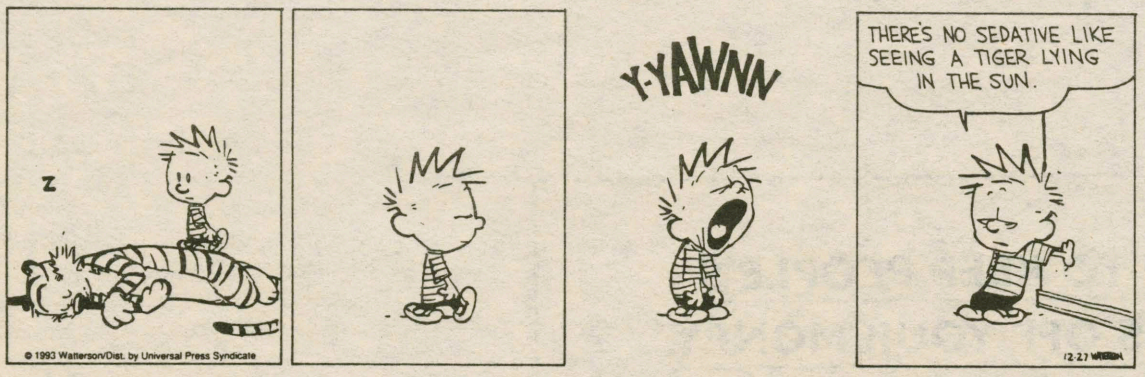

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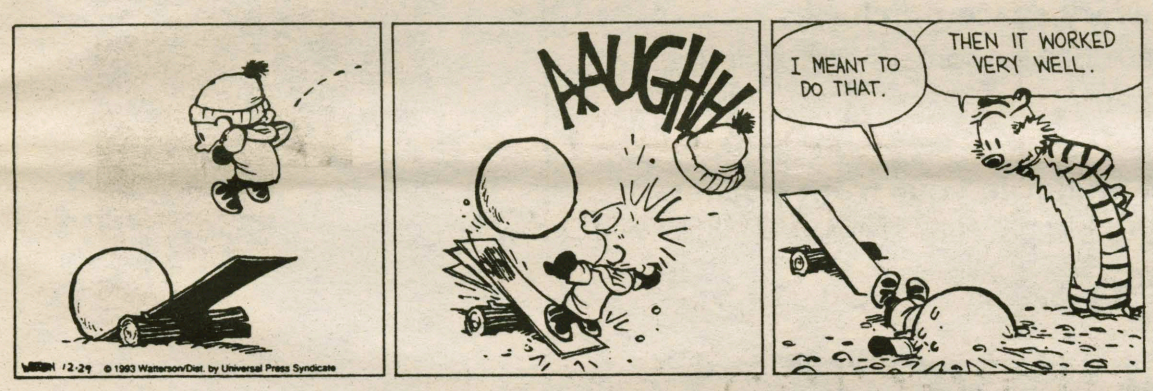

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EVERYONE SUSPECTED AS MUCH.
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WHAT FOR?
MINE IS OUTDATED. I'M SURE THE '94 MODELS HAVE ALL SORTS OF NEW FEATURES, COLORS AND OPTIONS.
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TOBOGGANS DON'T COME IN MODEL YEARS.
THEY DON'T??
I TELL YOU, HOBBES, THERE'S A FORTUNE TO BE MADE!
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THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE SAY.
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REALLY? THEN WHY DIDN'T SOMEBODY GO BUY SOME NEW CARDS?!
HEY!!
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Quotable Quotes

By Josh Ribner '97

"If I only knew what I was missing..."
-Rob Gertzer on Relationships.

"I have a tremendous urge to hurl this fork across the room and watch it get stuck in her cheek!"
-Christine Kaye '95, and who said teen angst ended in college?

"Are you naked?...Good, I just wanted to make sure you were coming."
-Christine Kaye '95, this one's good enough left alone...

"If I knew that man, I would recognize him."
-Katie Sevir '95 Good friends are hard to find, especially when you don't know them.

"Ladies--Please use your ovaries!"
-Doctuh Woods motivating the female jazz members to play with gusto!

"Y'know, Jesus kind of looks like the St. Pauli Girl"
-Kurt Rudolph '97 Your Religious Studies Professor would be proud.

**********This weeks special **Sam Walker '96** on arrogance**********
"I'm a great dictator!"
-Sam trying to overthrow The Spectator.

"You know, I am pretty good looking."
-Sam, can we say anything else?

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"The lights are out, no one is watching, it's just you and your film."
-Gabe Cid '97 getting intimate in the developing lab.

"Can Coach Frank spell?"
-Anonynous Sophomore while watching Jeopardy.

"Can I have your sex number?"
-A woman calling the late night Spec. office mistakenly referring to their FAX number.

"I don't like to do it too much because I don't want people to think I'm too smart."
-Brian Cohen '96 on why he hasn't got on dean's list recently.

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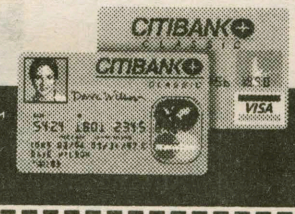

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The infamous Internet: from the Right

Hunter Chamberlin

Apple Pie

It's almost certainly the most important thing to happen to information since Gutenberg let words out of the Abbey. I increasingly suspect it may alter what it is to be human more than any technological development since the capture of fire.

-John Perry Barlow *Netguide*

Although it may come as a shock to many of my friends (and a relief to many of my enemies), I do not want to discuss politics. Instead, I will endeavor to enlighten people about something that I find equally fascinating, interesting, and important - the Internet.

To say that I have a firm grasp of the Internet would be a falsehood. There have been hundreds of books and magazines devoted solely to the Internet. I try to read and experiment as much as I can, but the quantity of information is so dauntingly vast that there is really no way to keep up with it all. Through my trials and tribulations, however, I have been able to learn and do a great deal with the Internet. What is the Internet, though, anyway?

What we now call the Internet was originally a project under the auspices of the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). When it was first put together in 1968, it was comprised of computers in only seven different universities. Now, over twenty five years later, there are two million host machines, providing access to tens of millions of users all over the world, each with a unique email address. This growth has been daunting, at times. Some months, the number of host machines increases by as much as twenty percent. According to John Perry Barlow, "If the Internet continued to expand at its present rates, every human being on the planet would have an Internet address before the turn of the millennium.

What can one do on the Internet? Everything from find out what is contained in the Brady Bill to order a pizza, and just about everything in between. The problem is finding the information you are looking for. The Internet has been compared to a library with no card catalog. The reason for this relates to the reasons the Internet came into existence. The idea was that, in the event of a nuclear attack on Washington, leaders would be able to work from other parts of the country. Thus, if one part of the Internet is destroyed, alternative routes are found and the Internet heals itself, like a giant organism.

With the passage of time and the advancement of technology, however, the anarchy that is the Internet has become easier to manage. Many companies offer point and click access to the Internet. The fastest growing company by far is America Online. I have tried many of the services and have found this to be the easiest and most useful.

The question still remains, however, as to what the Internet has to offer people. Once the basics of the Internet are learned, magazines are the best way to find out what the Internet has to offer because magazines, unlike books, can keep up with the ever-changing world of the Internet.

There are many different tools offered on the Internet for people to use. The most popular feature is, of course, email. Email can be used to send messages to people at other schools, other states, or even halfway around the world. Email is nice because it is quick, easy, and cheap (sort of like the post office, only more so). In addition to the ability of sending private messages back and forth, there are mailing lists to which one can subscribe. Mailing lists can cover virtually every subject. The way it works is this: one person sends a message to a designated address and, from there, the message is sent to all the people subscribing to a certain list. It is a very easy way to reach many people at one time.

There are other useful functions of the Internet, however. Next to email, probably the most used aspect of the Internet are the Newsgroups. Newsgroups are like public bulletin boards. Like mailing lists, these can cover thousands of subjects. The number of newsgroups changes every day as some get added and some get dropped, but the number is anywhere from 6 thousand to 10 thousand. They can be very serious, such as alt. politics or rec. scuba or they can be very funny, such as alt.alien.visitors. Because the Internet is governed by no one, certain things

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How to improve Hamilton: Put academics first

Andrew Edelson

Dear Abbot

Recently, I felt it was necessary to outline my reasons for writing this column. This is not meant to be some sort of political agenda. I write my articles as a member of the community, who happens to be well informed. I love Hamilton, as I stated in my first article, but I do believe there are problems here. These problems, however, do have solutions. I try to make it a point of each article I write to make sure that I do offer suggestions to how we, as a community, can remedy many of these problems. So without further adieu, I bring you Dear Abbott.

I wish I had a dime for every time someone said, "We deserve better food; we pay $25,000 a year to come here...we should get this...we deserve that..." I think I would live a comfortable life from the collected change. But when was the last time someone said, "I pay $25,000 a year to come here, and I should work hard; I should strive to do well,"?

Let's face it, the atmosphere at Hamilton is not academically exciting. This atmosphere glows more with academic drudgery and social pressures. I'm not saying that we should kiss and hug textbooks, but we should have an intellectual atmosphere outside of class that is academically stimulating. We don't "experience" academics here, we do homework. We don't have this academic experience because academia is perceived as a tedious chore and we fail to acknowledge those who do well academically.

Hamilton has a great talent for failing to acknowledge academic achievements. Almost every week we acknowledge athletes for outstanding achievement, but when was the last time we recognized a student for academic excellence? When was the last time we awarded someone for putting their all into a course? When was the last time we recognized the greatness of our professors? The answer is once a year at Class and Charter Day. So one day a year we recognize the academic efforts of the community. Every other day we ignore them.

I used to wonder why some professors reacted badly to the social scene of Hamilton. I now understand. We have leaders in almost every academic field working here at Hamilton. These leaders have dedicated their careers to teach us, to help open our minds, and to make us think. They could easily leave Hamilton and become rich and famous, but they choose not to pursue that track. Instead they are here. How do we treat them? Badly, very badly. Numerous students barely open a book or complete assignments. Even more fail to even proofread a paper for a class.

It is no wonder we are considered to one of the best party schools --that is all we do. Aren't I correct? Nope. Hamilton is a great school. I

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Grade D-flation at Hamilton

One semester after grade inflation was brought into the spotlight as an issue at Hamilton, the community has taken action to address the issue. Between the Fall '93 and Fall '94 terms, the average grade declined and there was a notable increase in the number of D's and F's awarded. The number of A's as a percentage of all grades dropped by nearly two points, the greatest drop in recent years.

Few would argue that this cumbersome issue should be ignored and most would agree that the downward trend in grades this semester was a step in the right direction. Nonetheless, we must pause to ask ourselves, what is our true objective in bringing down the average grade at Hamilton? Will curbing grade inflation improve our national reputation? How will it help Hamilton as it strives to attract top-notch students and maintain its standard of excellence?

Though grade inflation must be kept in check, doing so is not an end in itself. Lowering the average grade does not necessarily encourage students to work harder. Hamilton cannot buck the system, instituting a stricter grading policy than its rival schools, without diminishing the ability of its graduates to be admitted into graduate schools.

Other measures can and should complement a reduction of grade inflation. A proposal now under consideration to note the median class grade along with a student's awarded grade on transcripts should be seriously examined.

We must stay the course on grade inflation and keep it in check. This issue should not be dealt with independently, but should be considered in the larger picture of how to improve our college.

The case for a central planning body

Last Sunday was a reminder that this campus lacks a central planning body. Two well attended events were scheduled simultaneously: the memorial service commemorating the life of Rusty Smith and the Sixteenth Annual Hamilton Invitational Basketball Tournament. Understandably, many events on this campus must take place at the same time. However, events of this magnitude do not occur often. A central planning body would ensure that two events like the ones of this past weekend would not overlap in the future.

Though many may question the need for another committee on this campus, there is a strong case to be made for creation of a such a body. Unlike a committee, one person with a master schedule could run the planning body. Potential conflicts between important events could be averted well in advance, simply by glancing at the master schedule. Even though Hamilton already has a master calander, it fails to address conflicts like these.

Unquestionably, improved scheduling of events would benefit all members of this community. Many can recall an instance in which they had to make a difficult decision between which of two important events they should attend. With the creation of a central planning body, repeat scenarios of last Sunday could be averted in the future.

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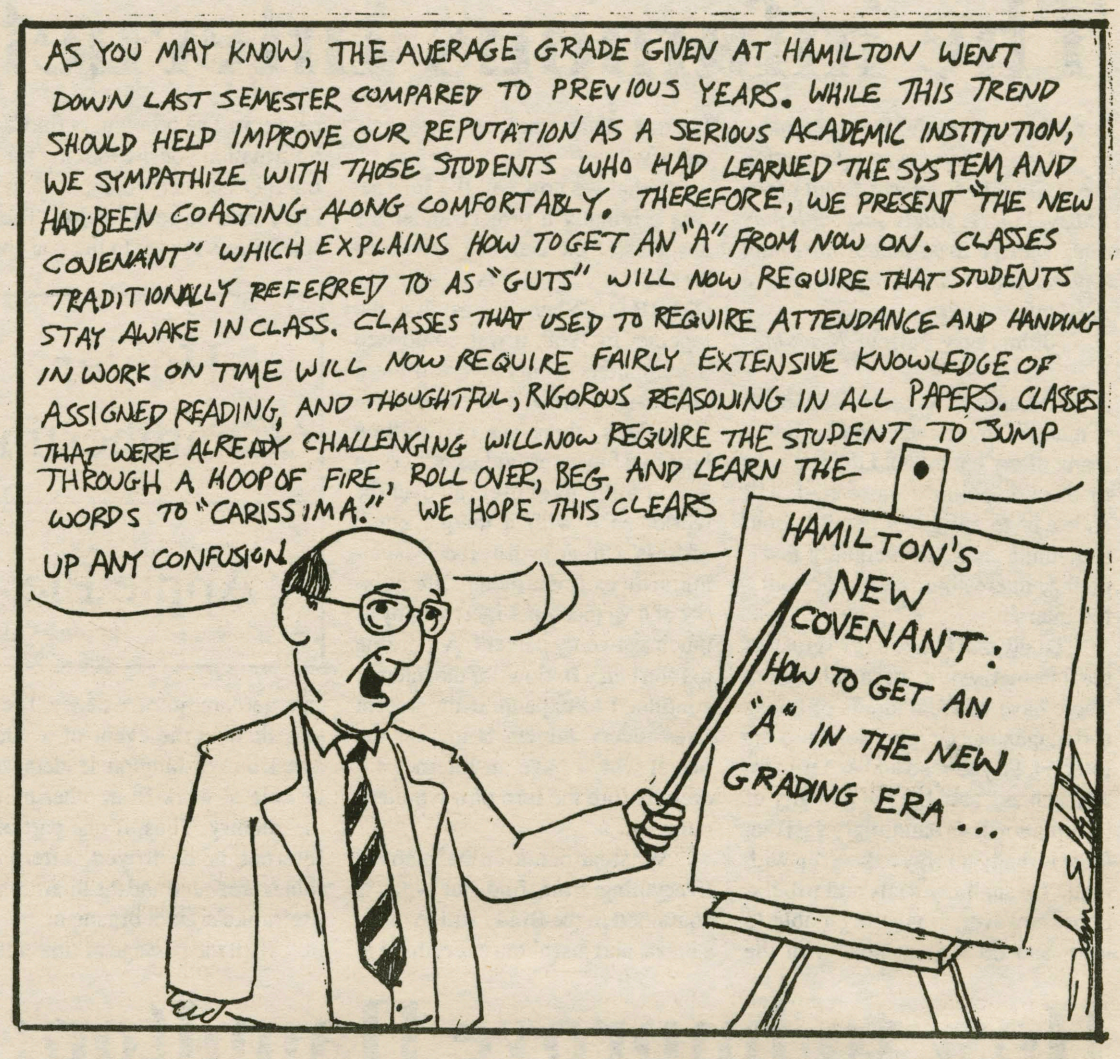
AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE AVERAGE GRADE GIVEN AT HAMILTON WENT DOWN LAST SEMESTER COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEARS. WHILE THIS TREND SHOULD HELP IMPROVE OUR REPUTATION AS A SERIOUS ACADEMIC INSTITUTION, WE SYMPATHIZE WITH THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAD LEARNED THE SYSTEM AND HAD BEEN COASTING ALONG COMFORTABLY. THEREFORE, WE PRESENT "THE NEW COVENANT" WHICH EXPLAINS HOW TO GET AN "A" FROM NOW ON. CLASSES TRADITIONALLY REFERRED TO AS "GUTS" WILL NOW REQUIRE THAT STUDENTS STAY AWAKE IN CLASS. CLASSES THAT USED TO REQUIRE ATTENDANCE AND HANDING IN WORK ON TIME WILL NOW REQUIRE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF ASSIGNED READING, AND THOUGHTFUL, RIGOROUS REASONING IN ALL PAPERS. CLASSES THAT WERE ALREADY CHALLENGING WILL NOW REQUIRE THE STUDENT TO JUMP THROUGH A HOOP OF FIRE, ROLL OVER, BEG, AND LEARN THE WORDS TO "CARISSIMA." WE HOPE THIS CLEARS UP ANY CONFUSION.
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Student reacts to swastika incident

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to inform the campus of an incident which occurred a few weeks before winter break. An unknown member of the community drew two swastikas on my homework while it was out of my hands.

I want to let the rest of the community know of this for several reasons. To begin with, I don't know whether this was an intentional action or not (it looks as if it was). But whatever the intention, the act had the same effect: I was really scared. It was frightening to think that someone had directed this strong symbol towards me and that this person lives on the same campus as me.

We live in a very small community. Sometimes that can be great; you see people who you know all over campus, and your professors know you by name. However, there are also definite disadvantages. When things like this happen, people can feel isolated.

Apparently this person did not understand the threat that this symbol conveys. On the other hand, perhaps he did and for some reason felt the need to express hatred to me. I am asking students to please be more concious of what they do and say. I know that this is not the only prejudiced action that has taken place here at Hamilton. Besides the hockey rink incident, I've heard similar stories than remain largely unknown or unreported.

Although I must emphasize how much the swastikas personally affected me, I am not writing this letter for myself alone. If this had happened to any one else, I also would have been deeply concerned. Again, please (I'm not trying to dictate, I'm simply asking) be more aware of what you say and do and how your words and actions might affect others.

Sarah Katz '97

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that are counterculture or socially unacceptable have a chance to flour ish on the Internet, like alt.binaries.pictures.tasteless. I guess you have to take the good with the bad.

Another popular aspect of the Internet is the Inter-relay Chat, or IRC. This is a place where people can actually converse with other people in real time. People from all over the country and world gather here. While using the IRC, I have met people from my hometown (we actually knew of each other) andpeople from Australia. It is a fascinating way to talk to people, and there are many advantages to this. It is one of the only places where people's color, social standing, political beliefs, or anything else do not matter. When online, the only information the person gets is that which you give them. Thus, you can be anybody you want to be.

The Internet has been compared to everything from a living thing to an electronic planet. Perhaps it is both, but the latter might be the way to describe it. Like a planet, the Internet is divided up into ever smaller parts. There are now what are known as electronic neighborhoods, or cyberhoods. Because no one can possibly explore everything the Internet has to offer, people tend to "hang out" at different locations on the Internet. As I said before, the fasted growing cyberhood is America Online. There are many reasons for its popularity, as everybody has their own reason for being online.

I like America Online because, in addition to it being easy ,(and fast, now that I have a new 14.4 modem, which can transmit 14400 bytes per second) it has a lot more to offer. With AOL, you can read the news from a multiplicity of news sources, access the newsgroups, access information all over the world through a gopher (a way of getting files from all over the world), get files, games, and programs, and talk to people wherever they may be. Perhaps my favorite thing to do, however, is download things. This is a process whereby I take files from AOL and copy them to my computer. I have gotten games, sounds, and pictures that I use as a backdrop to my Windows program. By downloading things from AOL, you can personalize your computer to make it reflect your attitudes and tastes, just as you would your room.

To be sure, AOL is not the only commercial board, nor is it the biggest. Compuserve has that claim to fame. It is just another way to get online. Where you get online, however, is not as important as simply getting online. There is so much to do and see, so many games to play, so many people to talk to that perhaps the most fun thing to do in cyberspace is simply poke around and see what you can find. Get a magazine to point you in the right direction and begin. That is how I did it and am still doing it.

I am in no way insinuating that I have a complete knowledge of computers or the Internet. I simply explore and have fun. That is something that anyone can do regardless of computer literacy.

Colombia's war: it's not just about drugs

This is part of a series of articles written by members of Hamilton on Latin America (HOLA). Although this column is devoted to the opinions of HOLA members, it does not necessarily reflect the views of the organization as a whole. HOLA meetings take place every Tuesday at 4 in the CJ browsing room and are open to all interested students and faculty.

The United States recently shocked and infuriated various peace and justice non-governmental organizations (N.G.O.'s) in Colombia, South America. In response to the cruel and virtually genocidal violence that has wrenched Colombia in its recent history, a number of Colombian N.G.O.'s are attempting to convince the United Nations to appoint a Special Rapporteur for Human Rights when it holds its February meeting in Geneva. A Human Rights Rapporteur's responsibility is to highlight and explain human rights violations, as dictated by the internationally ratified standards of the Human Rights Convention. The Rapporteur explains the political, economic, and social reasons for Human Rights violations and prescribes solutions at international forums. The appointment is not costly and does not involve sending Peacekeeping troops to Colombia. Nonetheless, the U.S. government opposes the appointment of a Special Rapporteur for Colombia. This negligence on behalf of the U.S. is, obviously, political. The U.S. insists on escalating the Drug War without realizing that most of Colombia's violence is NOT drug-related. Indeed, this negligence is, tragically, anti-democratic.

What image do you conjure up when somebody mentions Colombia? If I may be bold enough to penetrate your mind, I would imagine that you think the following: Cocaine and a lot of violence. Unfortunately, Colombia is famous for Pablo Escobar's exports and murderous adventures. While this is a part of Colombia's reality, it only explains a miniscule fraction of the country's violence. Colombia's violence is political in nature. It is directly related to the Cold War's debris.

Most of Colombia's violence is not perpetrated by the world-famous Drug-Barons. According to a 1993 report by the Andean Commission of Jurists (a N.G.O. with United Nations consultative status), drug traffickers are responsible for less than 2 percent of the thousands of political killings in Colombia each year. Security forces and paramilitary groups are responsible for more than 70 percent of the violence. Amnesty International argues that "since 1986, over 20,000 people have been killed for political reasons—the majority of them by the armed forces and their paramilitary proteges." Indeed, since 1985 there have been more political murders each year in Colombia than in all 17 years of Pinochet's violent dictatorship in Chile. The Colombian government, and particularly its armed forces, is the culprit of most of the violence wrenching this nation. Who are the armed forces waging this war against?

Colombia suffers from tremendous social and political violence, just like the United States. Unlike the United States, however, Colombia's government and military have found their scapegoat and decided to violently eliminate it. (In this sense, U.S. citizens are lucky that there is no explainable culprit, though Gingrich may change that.) Colombia has been dealing with approximately seven different armed guerrilla movements since the late fifties. These guerrillas have traditionally been ideologically to the left of center, and some of the groups are quite radical. Colombian guerrillas are no saints, however. For instance, on one of my trips to Colombia my

Larry McKiernan

HOLA

mother found out that her priest, who was avidly anti-Communist, was viciously assassinated, his body dismembered beyond recognition into over 25 pieces. Consequently, Colombia's government and military fight a war with impunity against violent guerrillas. As in most modern wars, unfortunately, it is the people who suffer the consequences.

Colombia's war against the leftist guerrillas has affected a diverse group of people who represent the left-of-center, including recognized politicians, priests, journalists, college students, women's groups, and political activists. For instance, since 1985 over 1500 politicians and activists of the Unión Patriotica (a legalized political coalition of disarmed guerrillas) have been killed. On August 9, 1994 the last living UP Senator was assassinated by Death to Communists and Guerrillas, a paramilitary group consisting of civilians and military officers. After the assassination they declared: "Today we executed Sen. Manuel Cepeda ... for representing the bandits of the F.A.R.C. (a guerrilla), tomorrow it will be the others and we will have a country free of communists." This group,and others are part of the constant rampage to eliminate any person who thinks to the left of the status quo. For example, of the 264 trade unionists assassinated WORLDWIDE in 1990-91, over half were Colombian. Workers defending their basic rights are regretfully assassinated. More tragically, as tends to happen in violent altercations throughout the world, many peasants, women, and children are caught in the cross-fire. Sometimes they are killed and raped simply to make a point. This is the reality peace groups want to highlight so there can be a more concerted effort to stop the political violence. The United States, however, continues providing more aid to Colombia than to any other Latin American country. Why?

The United States considers Colombia a "model democracy." And why not—structurally, Colombia is as democratic as the United States. There are congressional and senatorial elections every four years, municipal councils, and a civilian president. The virtually omni-potent military is also civilian-controlled. Indeed, the U.S. approves so much of Colombia that it campaigned to elect a former Colombian President, Cesar Gaviria, the chair the Organization of American States (OAS). The U.S. government, however, must know its support is killing thousands of peaceful civilians. Nonetheless, Washington pumps the Colombian military with money to fight the drug war. Despite what we hear about in the United States, the political violence that has consumed Colombia for its recent history is only minutely drug-related. U.S. officials simply use the drug war to justify sending millions of dollars to Colombia's military which it uses to attack its political left, be it the armed left or the peaceful left. Indeed, the United States has pumped over 500 million dollars into Colombia's military and judiciary in the past ten years.

You may think that this attack on the left is justified in order to finally expunge Communism from the world. What I am appealing to, however, are not your political beliefs, but your concerns for human beings. Many people have been viciously murdered in Colombia who have no relation to the violent guerrillas and especially no relation to communism. In writing this article, I am also campaigning to establish a long over-due peace in Colombia. My hope is that you at least ask your Congressional representatives, Senators and the State Department why they are opposed to appointing a U.N. Rapporteur to investigate Human Rights violations. The only jeopardy is that something closer to the truth of what happens in Colombia may be revealed. Here are two addresses to write to: Warren Christopher / 2201 C St. NW / Washington D.C. 20520 and Geraldine Ferraro / 799 United Nations Plaza / New York, NY 10017. The only way peace can be achieved in the world is when people like you and me become committed by our actions to establish peace.

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think Hamilton is better then Harvard, Yale, and Stanford. Per student, we have better resources. We have an amazing faculty. The only player we're missing is the enthusiastic, motivated student. They exist at Hamilton, but they are few and far between.

How do we make Hamilton Academically Stronger?

So how do we attract great students? We already have them. Just about every student here is capable of doing well at any school. All we have to do is change the atmosphere here. We have to change the atmosphere so that it encourages and rewards academic achievement (and this achievement is not just grades, but also effort). We, as students, should challenge the professors and make them think. You will be surprised what you receive in return. You won't get a lot of money, but you will prove to yourself what you are truly capable of achieving. You will realize the only difference between you and your professors is that they have experience and expertise in a given field. You realize that they are no more intelligent than you, and if you give the same initiative, effort, and enthusiasm, you can augment their accomplishments with your own.

Making Hamilton Academically Better Requires More

What can we do to attract great students? We need to recruit stellar students. We need to find creative students who challenge themselves, aren't afraid to take risks, and enjoy learning. Imagine how strong our school and our environment could be if we spent the same amount of effort recruiting students as we do recruiting athletes.

In order to get these stellar students, we have to show them a good time. We don't take them to Don's Rock, the VT, or get a keg for the room. Let them experience a class. Let them sit down with a professor and chat awhile about their interests. We need an academic setting that is very exciting and challenging, but not intimidating. The only way we can get this environment is if we create it ourselves. We can't fake for a day, or even an hour. In order to create this atmosphere, we must make learning not just a nine–to–five job, but an educational experience that happens inside and outside of the classroom. And the only way we can do that is through motivated students, and these motivated students have to be us.

Student Assembly Platforms. Elections are in Beinecke on February 3 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Class of '96

Class Rep.

Eric Ritvo

In next weeks election, I hope you will cast a ballot for me, Eric S. Ritvo. Electing me to represent you entails choosing a person to work for our class's interests. Whether this entails social events, fundraisers, or preliminary planning for our senior year, I'll do all I can to make sure our class is prepared for when we are seniors. An amazing senior year does not happen on its own, it requires planning and hard work, which is what I offer.

Treasurer

Fred Bush

Believe or not Class of '96, but we need to start planning for Senior Year and Senior Week. It's time to get motivated and it's time to be committed to your class. Why should you vote for me? A) I have a lot of experience fund raising, B) I am organized, motivated, and committed, C) I have a lot of fund raising ideas (good ones, too), and D) I am a whiz with numbers. Feel free to call me about any of my ideas - x0435. Don't forget to vote!!

Class of '97

President

Mike Sklansky

The closer we journey toward our junior year, the more demanding and critical the position of 1997 Class President becomes. Organizing events to fund for such activities as our senior week will be among the numerous responsibilities of the president you elect. I, Michael Sklansky, feel that I am the most solid candidate for 1997 Class President as I offer the experience necessary to meet the position's demands. I formed and now chair the Research and Development Committee, chaired the Social Committee, serve on the Public Relations Committee, worked with the Academic Committee, and am a Class of 1997 Repre-

~~Monica~~ Redstone

I'm not going to bore you with how qualified I am to be president of our class, how involved I am on campus or how much I love Student Assembly. I just genuinely like Hamilton, and would like to make it better. The office of class president would give me a greater opportunity to do so. And besides, I know how much everyone is dying for the class of '97 to sponsor another Murder Game.

Class Rep.

Adam Maltese

If elected as a Class Representative, I will be **your** voice in the Student Assembly. In the true sense of the position, I will present whatever ideas you have to the Student Assembly. Feel free to give me a call or drop me a line to discuss any relevant topics of interest. I will implement programs that you express interest in, and I will make any necessary alterations to current programs to suit our relevant and future needs.

Andrew Camacho

I'm Andrew Camacho and I would like to be our Class Representative. Since last year our class has lost much of it's unity. As a Representative I would like to try to help our class reestablish this unity by becoming more involved in campus events through Student Assembly.

In high school I served on the Student Council, last year I was the Judicial Board Representative, and I am now the Co-Chair of the Campus Activities Board. I feel that I have the qualifications and if given the chance will serve the class to the best of my ability. Thanks!

Treasurer / Secretary

Casey Williams

As treasurer, I will handle the funds for our class with our best interest in mind. I am here to listen to your needs, cares and wants. I am organized and efficient. My past leadership positions have enabled me to excel in numbers and have given me experience with budgets and funds. Responsibly I will work with our class and for our class to maintain the dynamics of the class of 1997. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Kurt Shotzberger

Although our class has been together for only a short time, we have witnessed a number of changes affecting the Hamilton community. With the upcoming release of the Residential Life Survey, changes are likely to continue. As a member of the student assembly and the current ISC treasurer, I am confident I can help bring direction and stability to the changes that confront us as a class. It is in your power to make the most important change of all. Vote Kurt Shotzberger for Treasurer of the Class of 1997.

Student Assembly Vice President

Jared Bowling

As a former candidate for the position of Student Assembly Vice President (1995 election), I understand the time commitment, the issues, and the importance of the Student Assembly's role in the upcoming year of change. Currently, I serve as the Inter-Society Council Representative to the Assembly, and will therefore bring the interests and views of forty percent of the community to the Executive Committee of the Central Council. In the previous election my running mate and I stressed that the diversity we brought to the positions of President and Vice-President was our greatest strength. That strength remains, even increases, in an Assembly led by Andrew and myself. In order to effectively address the upcoming changes at Hamilton, it is necessary to elect an official who will work well with the existing President and will bring greater representation to the executive positions.

The campaign process last semester continually confirmed my fear that Hamilton is a divided campus. One of the Student Assembly's top priorities should be the Community Conference Committee, as it will provide the opportunity for communication to take place. Division among the groups in our community can be bridged through improved communication and understanding throughout the community.

Karen Sweeney

This is my second year on Student Assembly, which means I have experience and know what it takes to be a good Vice President. I am a class representative and member of the academic policy committee. Last year I was co-chair of the Resident Advisor Committee. Student Assembly deals with issues to help improve Hamilton, and I support these efforts. The academic policy committee is working with Admissions in setting up the Boomerang Program, where students visit their high schools and talk to perspective students about Hamilton. The social committee is working with CAB for a Spring Fest band, and the constitutional committee is revising the constitution. I am familiar with these committees and their progress. I work well with the students on Student Assembly, and I understand what the responsibilities of Vice President are in representing the student body. It is important that someone with experience fulfill this job in order to continue the progress Student Assembly is making. Important issues are going to be dealt with this year, and you need someone who is going to support students on their social and academic needs. Remember to vote for Karen Sweeney, the vote for experience.

Nathaniel Schutz

Namaste, some of you may know me, I'm a junior and an Art History major. I just returned from a semester in India and Nepal where I studied and traveled for more than three months...

Hamilton is composed of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, from various backgrounds, who pursue a wide range of interests. No easy generalizations can be made about our student body. Yet, we all share Hamilton in common, and whatever stage we're at now, we will always be associated with this school.

Hamilton now proceeds from a pivotal stage. While the character and integrity of the school is strong, there are a number of areas that can be improved and frustrations that need be addressed. If elected I will actively engage in the dialogue concerning the future direction of Hamilton, and take immediate action to improve its reputation, academic quality, and social environment. I've worked on a number of campus organizations and have been intimately involved in the life of our school for over two years. I possess fresh insights and maintain the strong motivation to ensure that Hamilton's future will be bright, and that we will always be proud members of a great community and institution.

Admissions Office policy not consistent regarding athletes

To the Editor:

As a senior, a four year varsity athlete, and a Resident Advisor I was very upset by an event which occurred on the campus this past weekend, and the repercussions I believe it will have for the Hamilton community as a whole. At the beginning of this academic year, the Admissions Committee decided that to encourage students to choose Hamilton on it's merits rather than for it's reputation as a party school. It decided that prospective students would not be able to make overnight visits to the campus on weekends. Whether I agree with this policy or not, I assumed it applied to the entire pool of prospective student applicants.

This past weekend Resident Advisors confronted a number of students having parties in residence halls. Some of the students involved felt that the Resident Advisors were being unfair because the students had "recruits." They said they had to show the recruits a "good time." The particular prospective students in question happened to be football recruits. I am not trying to single out the football program, for I have heard of similar stories involving prospective student-athletes for other sports. It just happens that it was football recruits who precipitated this letter.

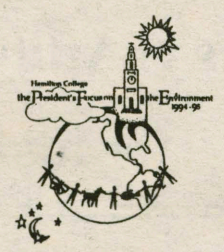
Over the past year and a half we have all heard the administration talk of trying to improve Hamilton's academic reputation. The new policy employed by the Admissions Committee seems to be striving to accomplish this goal, yet the policy of allowing prospective student-athletes to visit the campus on weekends seems unfair to the remainder of the applicant pool. If the only way we can encourage prospective student-athletes to come to Hamilton is to show them a "good time", then either there is something wrong with the students being recruited or there are those people who do not believe Hamilton can stand on it's academic merits alone.

I have had a wonderful three and a half years on this campus and I hope future students can say the same, but we must address the question of across the board equity for prospective students. I am not sure if I support the decision of the Admissions Committee to stop prospective students from visiting the campus on weekends, but, whatever the decision is, it should apply equally to all prospective students, whether they are athletes or just regular high school seniors who want to see what Hamilton is REALLY LIKE. Although inequities such as this seem small and are most often overlooked, this denial of an opportunity says a lot about the attitudes an problems at Hamilton.

Stephanie A. Taylor '95

Watch this space for your name. Two free t-shirts will be awarded each month. T-shirts will be available for sale at each event. Winners should pick up their shirts at the forum.

The winners are: Sophia Andrea Marie Fregosi ('98) and Joseph John Zona ('98)



The President's

Focus on the Environment

The first in a series of presentations will be:

"Environmental Forum"

January 31- Beinecke Events Barn - 8:00 p.m.

Representatives of the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the Adirondack Council and New York Rivers United will discuss environmental problems in our local area and what can be done here to improve our world. (This is the first in a series of four events.)

Think globally -Act locally

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Philly Paydreerow on his way

BY RUBÉN RIVERO '95
A&E EDITOR

After dealing with all necessary bureaucratic requirements in previous months, Pedrito (Pay-dree-row) and his beloved belongings made it to PHL. The city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was in the process of adding an extra $15.7 million deficit burden into its computer-generated coffers, as reflected in fifteen CO-sized, all-AA orange buckets, UA by a sticky yellow duct tape that read, "do **NOT** cross construction line, we strive for providing you with enhanced airport services." Unaware of the whole deal, Paydreerow saw a cardboard door underneath a white plastic cube. The top side of the white plastic cube, approximately three point zero-forty eight meters (exactly 10') above the ground, was obviously invisible, as well as the adjacent back side stuck to the cardboard wall. The bottom side of the white plastic cube had a theme African American wearing skirt and hills that reflected her female Anglo-Saxon heritage. The front side, consistent with design, was imprinted with the W-word. The right lateral side, complying with multicultural guidelines, read "Damas". Paydreerow concluded that the fancy reckons glowing from the left lateral side meant either "Ladies" or "Women" in either Chinese or Japanese, and opened an adjacent door without glancing at the M-word imprinted in a similarly located white plastic cube.

Peeing the high-tech way, especially when your bladder is exploding and it is the first time you pee that way, may be safely equated to a bad trip after an exhausting safe trip through a number of connecting airports such as MIA and ORD. Paydreerow's journey commenced along with a local strike which involved a dearth of personnel at all departure gates of his native country's main airport.

For additional information regarding Paydreerow's native country's main airport, please select BOG, CCS, EZE, MAD, MEX or other item of the kind, as LIM, MVD, SCL, UIO and similar are ineligible as they have no real accordion gates. Airline customers initiating travel in these latter locations, including overweight senior citizens of both known genders, must actually walk outside the terminal, under rain or shine, and climb an average of 15.3 funky stairways if they are to be rewarded by a smiling flight attendant who, in any of the originating airports mentioned above, will ensure that the broke couch potato will sit in the window, non-smoking, greyhound airbus class seat 15F, assigned and imprinted in his boarding pass, instead of conveniently relocating him on the aisle, smoking, first-class seat 5C. Such a procedure shall make a smiling flight attendant's life feel even more miserable than it already is.

Paydreerow was too hung over to care for these meagre details. After the flight took off and the non-smoking sign was eventually extinguished by the captain, he noticed that his couch-potato oriented seat 15F was far off the smoking area despite its plentiful legroom. The Airbus 300 brochure provided by the airline clearly stated in his native language, as well as in a number of foreign languages, that passengers seating near emergency exits must follow the crew's instructions in case of an emergency. A closer examination revealed Paydreerow that further requirements were fully explained in English, which he did not speak. Annoyed, he concluded that in the unlikely case that were the plane to fall down they would all die anyway, regardless of the English abilities of any given passenger seated on 15F.

His urge to smoke was momentarily distracted by the colors and absurdities printed on the on-board AirHigh Magazine. Paydreerow entered the following useful information into his lap-top computer. After hitting the alphabetical order function and deleting irrelevant entries, he saved his file as "códigos aeropuertarios.dat" and produced the following printout:

1: AA.- American Airlines
2: BOG.- Bogotá, Colombia
3: CCS.- Caracas, Venezuela (MIQ=Maiquetía, vuelos domésticos)
4: CO.- Continental Airlines
5: EZE.- Buenos Aires, Argentina (EZE=Aeropuerto Ezeiza)
6: LIM.- Lima, Perú
7: MAD.- Madrid, España
8: MEX.- Cd. de México, México
9: MIA.- Miami, Florida
10: MVD.- Montevideo, Uruguay
11: ORD.- Chicago, Illinóis (ORD=Aeropuerto O'Hare)
12: PHL.- Filadelfia, Pensilvania (PHL=Philadelphia)
13: SCL.- Santiago de Chile, Chile
14: UA.- United Airlines
15: UIO.- Quito, Ecuador
16: US.- USAir

Paydreerow paid close attention to the last entry. Indeed! Data for this handy acronym guide did not include entry listed nowadays as16:US. So "why the fuck," he thought in a moderately equivalent Spanish translation, "is Quito known as UIO? I'm wondering how many cities in the entire world do actually start with the letter Q. They might as well send those indians' bags labeled UIO to Utica, New York, to some weird Iroquois tribe. That is, if they previously take the cocaine away so it doesn't freeze? Well, maybe not. Why don't they just write QUI, or QTO, or QIO, or QIT or something? I guess I'm never gonna be there anyway, so why bother ...."

He felt an urge to pee. Unfortunately, the one and a half hour delay at his native country's main airport tested the limits of pleasure and business travelers as well, many of which were walking back and forth the damn airplane, to the greatest dismay of flight attendants who were trying their best to serve coffee or tea sir, cafay ow tay sane aura, their carts relentlessly colliding with these disquiet cabin joggers eager to flood an already stinky carpet should all available toilets remain with the "occupied" light on close to forever. By frequently rearranging his body position within Airbus 300 seat specifications, our bored couch potato decided to hold.

Needless to say, Paydreerow was unable to urinate upon arrival at MIA, gate F-15. After cutting the line of thousands like him, graciously waiting for admission into the land of opportunity, wandering through various wrong baggage-claim carousels, ignoring the beggars from the church of the oppressed, and running as fast as his beloved belongings and cholesterol-abundant metabolism allowed, he made it to the counter of the airline of his choice on concourse B. He made the point of asking the flight attendant for a smoking seat on his continuing flight to ORD upon check-in. She proudly replied that she was neither a flight attendant, nor was she able to reserve a smoking seat for him, as required by federal law. The last three words were the only ones he could understand among this mumble of hyphenated-American sounds, too complex and far removed from the subtitled Hollywood movies that made his universe of spoken English. His reconstruction of an argument intertwined with the key questions "what?" and "excuse me?", was saved for the record as follows: "By federal law. I guess these communists love to punish whoever wants to smoke."

Paydreerow is in his first bathroom visit on the ground of these US of America. "It doesn't stink! Every single toilet is as neat as the one my wife uses", he says. The newsstand has orange and yellow neon lights, and its tropical entertainment section proudly displays the cover of an alternative, nineties' style classic rock magazine he had many times tripped with a few bonghits, with his friends and, sometimes, his wife.

A newer airplane takes off MIA International, 1:57 pm. Stewardesses are unavailable for directions on how to wear seat belts, oxygen masks, life vests and other safety devices. Instead, blondes smile on high-tech screens and show you in Standard English how to do so, without actually doing anything for you. This is a non-smoking flight. Sometime during the late nineteen eighties, federal law required commercial airlines to prohibit smoking in all areas of aircraft, including toilets, during commuting distance flights. But in the nineties, even from the East to the West coast flights are smoke free. Passengers must occupy their time performing other activities in a severely limited personal space. That really sucks, doesn't it? You can't light a damn cigarette because there are a lot of lights on: Défense de fumer, No Smoking.

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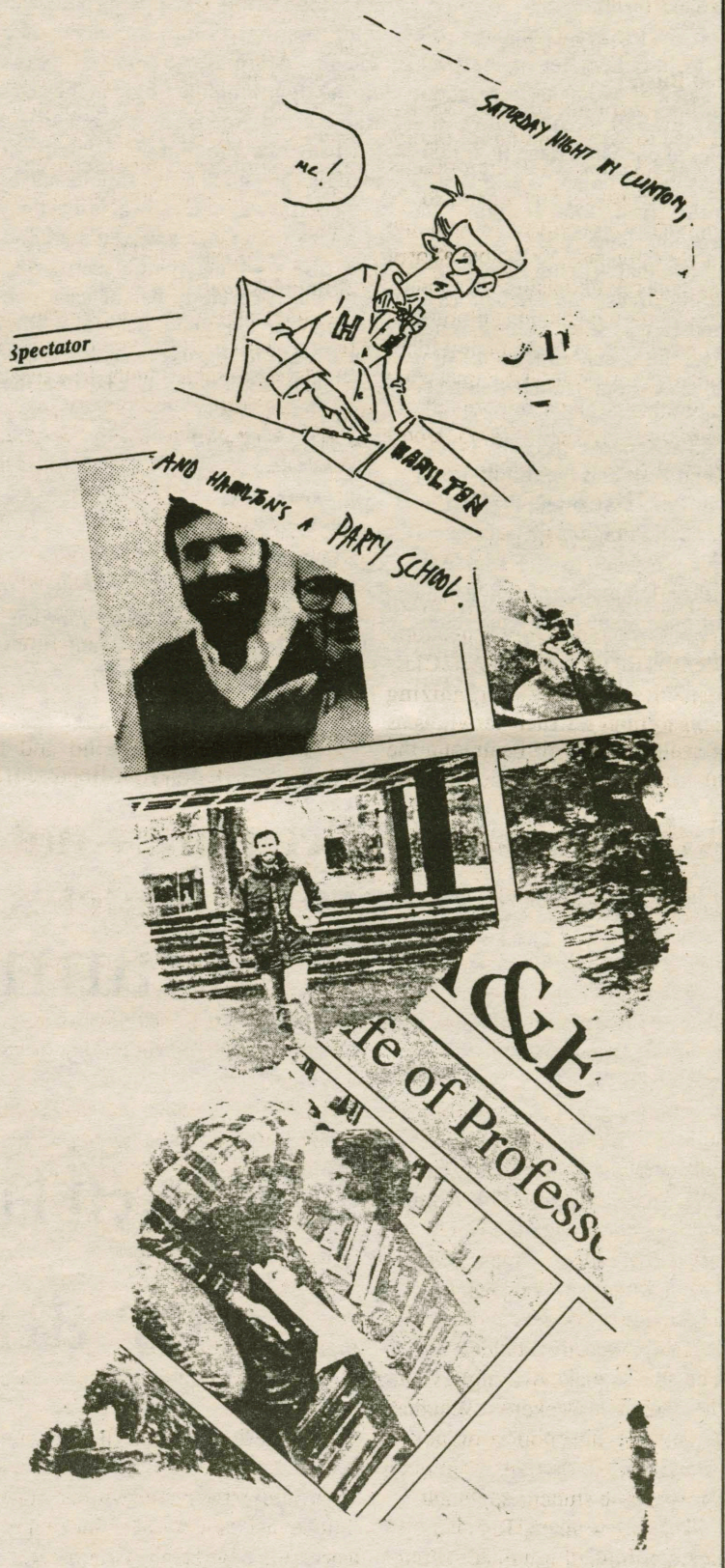
Memory Refreshments



La dame allemande est allée faire des courses, donc j'en profite pour me réposer dans une langue beaucoup plus gaie, facile, mais pas tellement rigolo!

Arts & Entertainment

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Adeline's Movietime

Hello, and welcome to my last semester reviewing films for the Hamilton Community. I just finished watching the epic film *Legends of the Fall* and was very impressed. This is perhaps the best film I've seen since *Forrest Gump*. The almost three hour drama/ comedy/ tragedy is difficult to define without spoiling the suspense, but this reviewer will try!

The film stars Brad Pitt as Tristan, the wild outdoors-man, Adian Quinn as his more down-to-earth brother, and Anthony Hopkins in a great character role as their father. Set in the back country of Montana from about 1900 to 1930, the film follows the lives of one family and their relations with women, World War I, Prohibition, and Indians. Its sweeping landscapes made me rethink that trip to Florida for Spring Break, and the historical context was a refreshing relief from the recent influx of film remakes about bad television series.

In attendance were my lovely friend Kurt and the mildly upset Asli (you may remember her as the Brad Pitt fan from last semester.) We went to cheer-up Asli with the temptation of seeing Brad Pitt once again, and Kurt reluctantly went along with the plan to see "some girly romance." Fortunately, we were all very pleasantly surprised. I loved the plot and found its twists intriguing, Asli forgot her troubles staring at Brad Pitt for 2.5 hours. Kurt was very happy with the "masculine quotient" in the film. There was certainly an adequate amount of war, death and pipe-smoking to please any self-adoring male.

I'd rather not mention too much regarding the actual events of the film, as it would ruin it for y'all, but I'll give some clues. Three brothers fall in love with the same girl, and have difficulties involving her throughout the film. There are some horribly tear-jerking parts and some roaringly funny moments like when a decrepit Anthony Hopkins throws up his middle finger at the government and groans "Screw 'em all!"

At any rate, the film pulls you into a spell like any good novel should, and is a wonderful way to spend a quiet evening or a lazy day. Once again, it's a good date film - with its battle scenes and romance, it certainly has at least one element for everyone. This is a film you'll want to discuss later, if only to ask which brother you'd like to date the most.

Legends of the Fall
plot****
acting****
set*****
cast looks*****
D. Q. ****
(once again, D.Q. = date quotient. What's with me and the wonderfully technical term "quotient"???)

Country Music Legend Willie Nelson to Appear at Syracuse's Landmark Theatre

Willie Nelson is an American original and one of the best singers and songwriters in the world today. He's *On the Road Again* and on his way to Syracuse for a night of country hits on Friday, February 10th at the Landmark Theatre for one performance only at 8 p.m.

Throughout his long career, Willie Nelson has helped define contemporary country music with great songs, sold out shows, and huge cross-over pop/rock/blues/ jazz and soul audiences. His legacy of songwriting and vocal excellence brings us together everything from pop to blues in creating music that touches us all.

His latest unexpected move was signing with EMI Records after 19 years with Columbia Records. As his follow-up to the critically received *Across the Borderline* in 1993, Willie moves into an entirely new direction with a lushly arranged, romantic album of standards called *Healing Hands of Time*. The CD features timeless classics by grate American songwriters such as Jerome Kern, Oscar Hamjmerstein and Willie himself, and includes *Funny How Time Slips Away, All The Things You Are, I'll Be Seeing You,* and *If I Had My Way*.

Chart toppers *On the Road Again, Always on My Mind* and *Whiskey River*, combined with new love songs *Valentine* and *Still is Still Moving to Me*, promise a performance that only Willie Nelson can deliver. Rollicking jams, super riffs and an exceptional touring band: the seven-piece Family, only add to what is the best pure music shows around.

Tickets, priced at $26 and $20, are available at the Landmark Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge tickets by phone, call 472-0700. For more information on ticket availability, call the box office at 475-7980.

Albright – Knox Art Gallery in January

American Arts & Crafts: Virtue in Design is a showcase for 100 major examples of late 19th- and early 20th-century furniture, metalwork, ceramics, glass, books and textiles that exemplify the Arts and Crafts doctrine of functional design, natural materials and sound, hand-crafted construction. The exhibition, organized by Los Angeles County Museum of Art Curator of Decorative Arts, Leslie Greene Bowman, features objects by all of the movement's premier practitioners, including architects, artists and craftsmen such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Gustav Stickley, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Elbert Green Hubbard, the Roy-crofters and Rockwood Pottery.

The exhibition is a project of Art Access, a program of the AFA with major support from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. The majority of the works are the generous gift of Ellen and Max Palevsky to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The Buffalo presentation has been made possible by the generous support of Key Bank.

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Burns Sisters Band to Perform at the KAC Coffeehouse Music Series

The Burns Sisters Band will be performing on Friday, January 27 at the Kirkland Arts Center, as part of the center's Coffeehouse series. These sisters have been impressing audiences by weaving an infectious vocal tapestry into rock, gospel, a capella, R&B, country, and folk styles. Opening for the Burns Sisters will be Martin Sexton at 7:30 p.m.

The three sister band grew up in Binghamton and have been performing since their childhood, and as a result their music relies heavily on the harmony singing perfected over the years. Marie, Annie, and Jeanie Burns were especially well recieved this past year at the Winnepeg and Philadelphia Folk Festivals and recently signed a contract with Rounder Records.

The opening act, Martin Sexton, was a member of last years Internet Quartet tours and was named "outstanding new acoustic artist of the year," at the Boston Music Awards. Other acolades include "best new artist of 1994" by the Los Angeles based National Academy of Songwriters.

Tickets for this concert are $8 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Concerts are usually cabaret style in the gallery space of the Kirkland Art Center.

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Horoscopes for the Week of January 29th-February 4th by Madame Morgana

EARTH

Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23)
Lucky color: navy blue
Go on an adventure this wednesday. you deserve a break. All that hard work is going to pay off. Make a friend hot cocoa this weekend. You may end up with a study buddy for life. Don't miss out on an exiting trip to town this Tuesday. Clinton can be a wild town. Just watch out for unexpected detours. Stay to your path and you'll be fine.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)
Lucky color:bright red
Make sure you eat well this week. You'll need the energy for that special night. Work hard and you won't be disappointed. Watch out for those who cause fights. You don't need any dissention within your group. Don't slack off on your work. This is the time to show your professors just how good you are. A little effort can go a long way.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)
Lucky color: khaki
Even though it is cold outside, you won't feel it. Bringing up those extra wool sweaters was a good idea. Be careful about washing them, most wools are dry clean only. Get to class early on Monday. The best way to start off a week is prepared. Lacking in the relationship area? Don't worry, it will soon pass.

AIR

Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23)
Lucky color: soft pink
Look forward to a great party this weekend. A few close friends can have a lot of fun given the right circumstances and a sense of adventure. Waterproof your shoes before the real snow hits. You'll be glad you did.. Don't let the weather get to you. It's really warm inside that special person's room. Maybe you can pay them a special visit.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)
Lucky color: slate blue
Your authority will shine through right when you need it on Thursday. You know you are the best suited for the job. Others will know that as well. Remember to call home this weekend. Your family loves to hear about your newest endeavors. Beware of slippery ice on Saturday night when you are walking home from that party. Ask a buddy for help.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 19)
Lucky color: mint green
Curtail that partying! You do need to do some more work as well as have fun. Try a new hairstyle this week. People will notice how good you look. Go work out this Saturday, that person you have had your eye on will be in the area. Look around and you'll see him/her.

WATER

Scorpio (Oct24-Nov 22)
Lucky color: hunter green
This is the time to impress that special someone. Secure a date for Valentines day in advance. If not that special person, ask that special friend to a movie. they would love to go. Don't forget to return the stuff you have borrowed. It may cause troubles later. Why not look round and explore the wilderness behind Major. You may find some very exiting wildlife wandering around back there.

Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)
Lucky color: dusty rose
Look out for that weaker buddy this week. They need your help and caring support. They will return the favor twofold. Be wary of that overexuberant admirer. The way to find love is not to look. Spending time on work this weekend will lead to a great feeling of accomplishment. Maybe even a cause for celebration!

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Lucky color: aqua
Feel like you're in the wrong place at the wrong time? Well, you are. Maybe you ought to work on that. Don't slack off on your studies this week. Your professor will notice if you accidentally skip the class. Get off campus this weekend. Visit a friend at another school. It will be an adventure you won't soon forget.

FIRE

Sagitarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)
Lucky color: crisp white
Take place in a comunity activity. HAVOC needs the volunteering, and you can make time. Make a mix tape for a friend this week. They will love it and be indebted to you. You can collect on that favor later. Keep in touch with that person you missed over break. Just sending a card or calling is god enough. They won't forget your efforts.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)
Lucky color: yellow.
Let lose this weekend. Your exhuberance will carry over to your friend's. Even that mellow stick in the mud. Rent a good movie for Sunday. You won't want to venture out into the cold for too long. Make invitations to all your close friends. Send one to whom never seems to notice you. There are other fish in the sea. This slump will soon end.

Leo (July 23 - August 23)
Lucky color: orange.
Be careful where you tread, you might step into one of those huge new mudholes on campus. You're doing well on work so get out. Have fun this weekend. Look for someone tall, blonde and sexy!

Calendar & Movies

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27 *Friday*

7:30 **Film: Farewell My Concu bine.** Sponsored by the For eign and Fine Film Society. Kirner- Johnson Auditorium. *$.

8:00 **Faculty Recital.** Lauralyn Kolb, soprano; Tina Toglia, pianist. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.

28 *Saturday*

10:00- 2:00 **Leadership Confer ence.** Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Bristol Campus Center.

10:00 **Film: Farewell My Concu bine.** Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Bristol Campus Center.

29 *Sunday*

1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

7:30 **Film: Farewell My Concu bine.** Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. *$

30 *Monday*

11:00-12:00 **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Fritz Lang, Metropo lis (Germany '26).** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.*

31 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

6:30 **Dream Workshop II: Religious Insights of Dreams.** George Van Arnam. Dwight Lounge.

1 *Wednesday*

3:00 & 7:30 **College Course 300 Film: Sergei Eisenstein, the Battleship Petemkin (USSR '25).** Kirner-Johnson Audito rium. *

8:00 **Comedy in the Barn featur ing Jonathan Brandt.** Spon sored by CAB. Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

2 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.

4:00 **Lecture.** "Cognition of Statistical Maps." Douglas Hermann, National Center of Health Statistics. Room 313, Science Building.

Who said this would be a mild winter?

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Little Women 6:35, 9:20
Houseguest 7:10, 9:35
Dumb & Dumber 7:20, 10
Murder in the Ist 7, 9:50
Legend of the Fall 6:40, 9:40
Nobody's Fool 6:50, 9:25
Nell 6:30, 9:15
Disclosure 6:45, 9:45
Fare From Home 7:05
Pulp Fiction 9:30

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

Little Women 2, 7, 9:30

Up Town 797-0020

The Santa Claus 7, 9:30
The Lion King 7
Street Fighter 7, 9:30
Speechless 7, 9:30

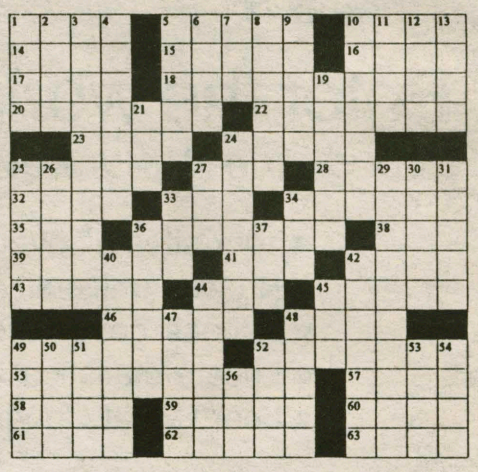
On Campus

Farewell My Concubine
Fri., Sat., Sun., @7:30

Matinees are for weekends only. Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Crossword 101

" It's Your Deal ! " By Gerry Frey



ACROSS
1 Joint
5 Bengal ___
10 Acting troop
14 Perfect score:2 wds
15 Make amends
16 Bread spread
17 Popes' name
18 *All but one trick in bridge*
20 Charges
22 Itemizes again
23 Pitching stats.
24 Stone anagram
25 German city
27 Girl or boat
28 Flower part
32 Rules
33 UT Univ.
34 Second hand transaction
35 Boxing great
36 Tarnishes
38 Storage container
39 Rang
41 NY neighbor
42 Rosebud ?
43 Smoke ____
44 Place
45 Prom goers
46 Stop by
48 Mr. Dawson & others
49 Hair dresser e.g.
52 Ventilated
55 *Bridge term*
57 Yuppie goodbye
58 Robert __ ___
59 Speak
60 Approve
61 Observes
62 Unkempt
63 Bro. & sis., e.g.

DOWN
1 California region
2 Relating to the ear
3 *Poker option*
4 Secures
5 Stories
6 Inflammatory suffix
7 Received
8 Main dish
9 Rent again
10 Trig. functions
11 "__ well that ends well"
12 Chair
13 Male cats
19 Weds secretly
21 ___ Diego
24 *No score in bridge*
25 Make happy
26 Beauty shop
27 Isr. neighbor
29 *Poker limit*
30 Part of ALF
31 ___ a hand
33 Open in pinochle
34 Soak flax
36 Taunt
37 Interest:Abrv.
40 Met Opera Cond. James & family
42 Dole, e.g.
44 Sea robber
45 Three times:Latin
47 Blood ____
48 Suspicious
49 Bachelors of Voc. Ed.
50 Regulation
51 Sheltered side
52 Pub offerings
53 And others:Lat.
54 "Those were the ___"
56 Boats for short

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Quotable Quote

"Trust everybody, but still cut the cards."

Finley Peter Dunne

Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU

THANKS FOR THE BEER, ROLAND...
NO PROB, RICK. I'D JOIN YOU, BUT I'VE GOT ANOTHER LIVE O.J. FEED AT 7:45!
NO DISRESPECT INTENDED TO YOU PRINT BOYS, BUT I GOTTA TELL YOU, TELEVISION OWNS THIS STORY. OWNS IT!
GUYS LIKE ME TAKE A LOT OF HITS FOR OUR LIMOS AND CATERED MEALS AND WINNEBAGOS, BUT LEMME TELL YOU, WE'RE EARNING 'EM!
I SEE YOU'VE ATTRACTED YOUR OWN HOMELESS.
NO, THAT'S MY CREW.
DON'T GIVE THEM ANYTHING, BY THE WAY.
YEAH, IT'S REDFERN. JUST CHECKING IN...
FZZZ!
WHAT?... NO! NO WAY! I WAS SENT OUT HERE TO COVER THE LEGAL ISSUES!... THAT WAS VERY CLEAR!
FZZZ!
NO, C'MON, MAN, THAT'S JUST CHEAP AND DEGRADING... I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE... ED? ED? DAMN!
BAD NEWS?
YEAH. I HAVE TO COVER YOU.
YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO COVER ME?
THE PAPER WANTS COVERAGE OF HOW THE NETWORK STARS ARE DOING!
PLUM ASSIGNMENT, HUH? THE TRIAL OF THE CENTURY, AND I GET TO REPORT ON OTHER REPORTERS!
YEAH... YEAH, I CAN SEE HOW THAT COULD BE A LITTLE ROUGH ON YOU, PRIDE-WISE...
WHY DON'T I FEED YOU THE QUESTIONS? MIGHT TAKE SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF.
MAYBE I COULD JOB IT OUT, PAY SOME KID...
WELL, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS OVER WITH...
RICK, I KNOW HOW HARD IT MUST BE TO INTERVIEW A PEER, ESPECIALLY A BIG STAR...
...BUT REMEMBER, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US IS A HUGE SALARY DIFFERENTIAL. OTHER THAN THAT, I'M JUST A REPORTER, MUCH LIKE YOURSELF.
THANK YOU, ROLAND. I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.
GREAT.
SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE DORKY SIDEBURNS?
VIEWERS LIKE 'EM. AT LEAST THE FOCUS GROUP DID.
WHY DO I DO IT? WHAT DRIVES ME TO EXCELLENCE IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM? IS IT THE MONEY? THE GLAMOUR? THE PERKS?
NO, IT'S A LITTLE SOMETHING CALLED THE FIRST AMENDMENT! FROM HUE TO BEIRUT TO L.A., IT HAUNTS ME, IT STIRS MY BLOOD! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
SO DID YOU GET ALL THAT?
YEAH, BUT I CAN'T USE IT. IT'S PRETTY BORING...
PETER, BEING A JOURNALIST COVERING THE O.J. TRIAL IS A DAUNTING TASK, REQUIRING STAMINA, JUDGMENT AND FINELY HONED COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS...
O.J. PRESS
BUT YOU KNOW, PETER, THOSE WHO COVER THE PRESS ALSO SERVE! CASE IN POINT, WASHINGTON POST MEDIA REPORTER RICK REDFERN, HERE WITH ME NOW...
PRESS
SO WHAT'S IT LIKE COVERING ME, RICK?
WELL, IT'S TOUGH, ROLAND. I'M OUT THERE IN THE FIELD, DAY AFTER DAY, WITH NO SELF-RESPECT AT ALL—NONE!
BUT YOU'RE A PRO. YOU GET THE JOB DONE, RIGHT?
NO, ACTUALLY, I'VE PRETTY MUCH REFUSED TO DO IT.

Personals

Katia-

Blah Blah Blah!!
--Your Latin Lover

Jay-

Dump her!
--people tired of hearing you whine

Do you have ideas for CHANGE and IMPROVEMENT for Hamilton? Rit Fuller (new Dean of Admission) wants to discuss this with students. Come for an evening of informal discussion in Root Dorm - 3rd floor lounge - 7:00 Wed. Feb.1.
--ENDEAVORS

To Naeem, Arraaf, and all other Muslims:
Selamat berpuasa! (Have a safe fasting month!)
— Kim-Ee

The One-

Its nice to see that you can still be fun and "normal" while having stress pour out your ears. I don't know where you've been, but its nice to have you back from vacation. I'll hopefully see you soon.
--The Two

Sam-

Where were you last night? I waited hours for you in front of the chapel. I miss you.
--your little creampuff

Meg-

Grilled cheese and Melrose....life doesn't get better!
--your #1 fan

Norman-

You are the sweetest guy I could ever want. I love you, Ich liebe Dich, T'amo, J'taime. Please stay.
--T.A.

T.M.-

I love you!
--your love monkey

G.D.-

Why did you throw the bookbag at me?
I thought I was nice!
-Sammy

Big Bruce-

I like your belt!

Write a little note to that current or hopeful loved one. Send all personals through campus mail to *The Spectator*.

Women's Squash goes to tourney at Williams

By Mara Laird '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

This past weekend the Hamilton women's squash team started the new year with a tournament at Williams College in Massachusetts. The team had an overall record of 2-4, but many individual feats should be recognized.

On Friday night, the team played their toughest teams at the tournament, Colby and Bates. They lost both matches with scores of 2-7 and 0-9, respectively. The line-up was different from last semester from the fifth position down, and these changes forced the women to fight hard in their matches. The new line-up included co-captains Pepper Johnson '96 and Rachel Eland '95, Amy Russell '95, Karen Werkoven '96, Mara Laird '97, Brooke Cobb '97, Kim Colvin '96, Kelley Benander '97, Tabitha Bowling '96 and Catherine McGarry '97. Although the team lost both matches, there were several close games. Laird and Cobb were the only two players to win their matches against Colby with scores of 3-2 and 3-0. Although the overall score of the Bates' match (0-9) does not show the team's strength, its fighting spirit was seen in Johnson's match (9-5, 3-9. 9-2, 6-9, 4-9), Amy Russell's match (1-9, 9-10, 9-4, 9-2, 4-9), and Colvin's match (9-2, 8-10, 9-2, 6-9, 6-9).

With the two toughest matches over on Friday, the team looked toward Saturday with a positive attitude. The three schools they would face, Middlebury, Haverford, and Tufts, were good competition but not as superior. The matches showed that the teams were fairly even.

Although the women lost to Middlebury 3-6, the sixth through eighth spot all won their matches. They fought hard and their effort afforded them each a win. Cobb's match (9-6, 6-9, 10-8, 9-0), Colvin's match (5-9, 9-7, 9-5, 9-7), and Benander's match (9-2, 7-9, 7-9, 9-3, 9-0), were the three victories. Bowling also fought hard but lost in the fifth game.

Next, the team faced Haverford College and came out with a win of 6-3. This match showed the team's strength within its ladder. Johnson and Colvin both had victories in the fifth game, and Russell, Laird, Cobb, Benander and McGarry all won pretty handily with scores of either 3-0 or 3-1.

The third match on Saturday against Tufts University was once again a close one, but the team lost 4-5. The highlights of the match included Karen Werkhoven's grueling performance which ended in a victory with the score 3-1. Her games were 9-5, 9-7, 9-10, and 10-8. Laird came back from being down two games to win her match 3-2. All her scores were very close (0-9, 8-10, 9-6, 9-8, 9-4). Brooke Cobb won the match pretty easily with the scores of 9-0, 9-0, and 9-4. The fourth win was from Kelley Benander's match. She won 3-2 with her game scores of 9-3, 1-9, 3-9, 9-4 and 9-7. Kim Colvin once again had another close match, but lost 7-9 in the fifth game.

The final match of the weekend occured on Sunday against Williams' second team. Hamilton came out with a win of 8-1. Johnson, Russell, Laird and Bowling all had winning scores of 3-0, while Werkhoven, Cobb and Colvin fought hard to achieve victory in the fifth. Benander had a tough loss, with both her second and third games being very close. McGarry, playing the number ten spot as an exhibition match also had a tough battle, losing in the fifth game, 7-9.

This past weekend was Werkhoven's last time playing with the team before she leaves to study abroad. The team will have their number one player, Johnson, in their lineup for next weekend's match against Mt. Holyoke, but she too will be leaving the team to study in Australia. Both players will be missed, but the team is ready to face the challenge of moving up positions on the ladder. They will face this experience when they compete against Colgate University on thursday night, and will not have these two players in their lineup. With a 6-6 record, the team is optimistic for the last three weeks of the season, and look forward to their tournament at Mt. Holyoke next weekend.

Men's Squash loses in match against Colgate

*from **Squash** on page 21*

run at the end of the match. In short, with a team attitude and a new conditioning regimen, the squad looks to be in good shape.

With a decisive end of season trip to the New York State Championships on February 14th the Continentals will face such teams as Cornell, Hobart and Rochester. Depending upon their finish, they will be placed in a division with comparable teams at the National Championships in Princeton. While all this certainly sounds exciting, McElroy admits that the most important goal for the team is a record over .500. With Mark Mijangos '97 back for this half of the season and a young squad with only two seniors, Hamilton Squash should be setting its sights higher in years to come.

Sports Fans:

Listen to Sam and Trip on Sundays from 6-7 on WHCL for a little sports talk.

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The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Tiffany Chappell

Statistics:

- **Setchool Record of 6.5 seconds in 45m Sprint**
- **First year**

Tiffany has been an invaluable asset for this season's Indoor Track & Field. This first year helped lead her team to victory over R.P.I. this past Saturday. In that meet, she set a school record in the 45m dash with a time of 6.5 seconds. Tiffany's work ethic is second to none. Way to go, Tiffany, you are the Garden Cafe's *Athlete* of the Week!

The All New Garden Café Restaurant and Strider's Lounge, located at 354A Norton Avenue at the Corner of Route 5, guarantees good food and great times. The Café is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Mon, Thurs-Sun. Tuesday hours are 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Garden Cafe serves pizza, chicken wings, subs, and a late night breakfast. Hamilton students showing I.D. receive ten percent off at all times. Delivery (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) — call 853-4571.

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week receives a free pizza with the works courtesy of The Garden Café and its owner Tony Urbanowitz.

OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Fran D' Agata

Fran D' Agata is *The Spectator*'s definition of a peak player. Whether hitting jumpers or passing inside to the combination of Erin McCann and Joe Morzienski, he contributes to all aspects of Hamilton play. He was named most valuable player in the Hamilton tournament with 15 points and 5 assists against Villa Julie and 20 points in 37 minutes against Keuka.

Hockey Suffers Tough Loss to Holy Cross after Babson win

*from **Hockey** on page 24*

Saturday afternoon was a different story. The Continentals lost the emotion that was so evident the previous night and lost the game to Holy Cross by a score of 5-2. Devin Sullivan '96, and Shawn Kelly '95, provided the offense for Hamilton, but it simply wasn't enough, as the Continentals never led in the game. Hamilton did outshoot Holy Cross, but a strong performance by the Crusader netminder kept the home team from gaining any momentum. Grady felt that the letdown was partially caused by "such a physical game," against Babson, and explained that the loss showed the team that they could not take any game lightly, as each one counts as much as the next in the final standings.

Hamilton's success this season is largely based on a strong freshman contingent, as seven different first years have made significant contributions to the team. Defenseman Jim Ford '98 is a solid player straight out of the mold of old time hockey. Ford loves to step up and take the man, and leads the team in neutral ice hits. Fellow freshman blueliner John Whitwell is a very composed player who makes few mistakes, and his booming slapshot from the point is always a scoring threat. The fourth forward line consists of three first-years, Joe Zona, Brian Guastella, and Dave Webb. Grady has been extremely pleased with this line throughout the season, as they have consistently put points on the scoreboard, a trait not commonly found in a fourth line. Tim Diguilio '98, and Mike Kelly '98, have been alternating games in the sixth defensive spot, as Grady hopes to develop both for more consistent varsity play next year.

Alternating each night of late have been forwards Devin Sullivan '96, and John Forbes '97. Forbes, one of the team's leading scorers, and Sullivan have differing styles of play, according to Grady, and these styles work well against different teams. Pat Ryan '97, has been a mainstay on that line, which has included captain Bob Simonds '95 since Christmas, and has produced seven points in six games. Grady stated that "we simply have thirteen varsity level forwards and only twelve spots, so we are forced to alternate."

This weekend the team travels to the University of Connecticut and American International College. Hamilton hopes to exact revenge on the Huskies of U. Conn, who defeated the Continentals in last year's E.C.A.C. Final Four. To be successful against Connecticut, a team similar to Babson in its explosiveness, Hamilton must stay with its systems play and not turn the puck over. Offensively, the team hopes to get production from the line of Brian Green '96, Sean Brady '96, and Jeff Bradley '97, which has been quiet as of late.

A.I.C. plays a very European style of hockey, employing drop passes and flowing through the neutral zone. Hamilton must not get caught watching the puck and must step up to play the man, or A.I.C. could score quickly.

If you can't make the road trip this weekend, Hamilton plays host to SUNY-Oswego on Tuesday night, so mark it on your calendar, and be there to root on the Continentals.

Men's Squash Headed in the Right Direction

Makes transition from hardball to softball

BY MARK LILIENTHAL '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Resting at 6 wins and 7 losses, Hamilton Men's Squash headed to Colgate this Thursday night for a match with the Red Raiders. A conversation with Kelly McElroy yielded some important and exciting details from the men's program.

Although McElroy is the women's coach, she has watched Coach Eric Allenson and his team closely. Of the utmost importance to this year's squad is the transition from hard ball to soft ball squash, a change that has definitely influenced the team. McElroy regrets that the team "does not have a single player with soft ball experience." Yet, despite this setback their squash is improving and players are adjusting well to a "totally different strategy." Upon hearing that, one has to be pretty impressed with the Continentals' record. McElroy is more than impressed; she's confident. In fact, she stated matter-of-factly that Thursday's trip to Colgate "should even up their record at .500." Things sound very optimistic.

When pressed as to why the team seems to be headed in the right direction, she noted the bond of teammates. "Many people don't think of squash as a team sport, but you have to be there watching your teammates play and cheering them on." She went on to explain that since nine of ten players count in a match, every player has the feeling that their win could be the match's deciding factor. "They have to play as if their match might be our fifth win of the day."

Another noted improvement in this year's team is the dreaded C word. Guess again... "conditioning." The team has recognized, according to McElroy, that if they want to win, they've got to have the stamina to

*please see **Squash** on page 20*

Indoor Track off to great start, defeats RPI

BY KATE HINTZ '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Hamilton College Indoor Track and Field teams are off to an astounding start this season. Last weekend at RPI the women's team claimed a dual meet victory, 69-54. This was made possible from key returning players Tammy Koch who took first place in both the 1500 meters, with a time of 5:08, and the 800 meters with a time of 2:30.9 and Stephanie Taylor who took the 3000 meters in 12:10. Nikki Gowan was a double-winner in the 500 meters with a time of 1:33.8 and the long jump with a 6.06 meter leap.

The men's track and field team lost last weekend at Rensselaer, 75-61, but returning jumper Dave Brunk and runners Tom Capo and Tom Russell were an asset to the Continentals. Brunk won both the long jump with a 6.06-meter leap and the triple jump with a distance of 12.08 meters. Capo ran the 1500 in 4:23 and Russell finished the 800 meters in 2:03.5. Over the weekend junior Andrew Bomann qualified for the state meet in the 1500 meters.

The track and field teams are looking forward to an exciting season combining the talents of new freshman with the returning players. This weekend the men's and women's teams will host the Hamilton College Invitational beginning at 11:00.

Home Pool Advantage

BY KRISTIN FAULL '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, January 21, the Continental swimmers traveled to Amherst College for a meet that was sure to a close one. In the first of many close races, the women and men's teams lost the 400m medley relay by a mere few tenths of a second. The trend continued as the women lost 116 points to Amherst's 127 and the men were defeated 108 to 129. Coach Thompson attributes the Amherst defeat to an inordinate amount of unsuccessfully close races, beginning with the first race, a 400 medley relay.

Hamilton's more exceptional times occurred in the men's 200m freestyle and 200m backstyle and the women's 50m freestyle. Andrew Wintermuth '98 won the 200 freestyle by five one-hundredths of a second with a time of 1:46.85. In the 200 backstroke, Josh Plati '98 beat the closest Amherst swimmer by almost two seconds with a time of 2:01.78. Anne Griffin '96, in her first returning meet, pulled a time of :25.36 in the 50 freestyle. This is close to the team record that she holds from 1993 of :24.83.

This year's team is a strong team with depth. There are a few standout swimmers, but overall, the team is equally strong in all facets. At the beginning of the semester, the team looked forward to the return of three veteren swimmers. Dan Glass '96, returning from a semester away, Leslie Allen '97, recovering from a broken leg last semester, and Anne Griffin '96 will add to the strength and depth. Coach Thompson is pleased with the season's development thus far, but the Championship results will dictate exactly how well the season progressed. Coach Thompson expects another close meet on Saturday against Union. With two of the region's top teams, the meet should be an exciting one. In preparation, the team has been working to reverse the close finishes and turn them into wins. Coach Thompson also hopes to gain from the Bristol home pool advantage Saturday at 2:00.

This Week in Hamilton Sports

Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Basketball		Amherst 3:00 pm			Utica 8:00 pm		
Women's Basketball					Hartwick 7:00 pm		
Men's Ice Hockey	U. Conn. 7:00 pm	A. I.C. 2:00 pm			Oswego 7:00 pm		
Men's Squash							
Women's Squash							
Swimming		Union 2:00 pm					
Track & Field		Hamilton Invt'l 10:00 am					

■ Indicates Home Game

□ Indicates Away Game

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Sam Walker *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 9-4 To date: 9-4	Brian Cohen *Associate Sports Editor* Last Week: 8-5 To date: 8-5	Trip MacCracken *Associate Sports Editor* Last Week: 8-5 To date: 8-5	Eric Martin Sophomore *Guest #1* Last Week's Guest: Mark Granovsky '98 13-0	Gabriel Cid Sophomore *Guest #2* Last Week's Guest: Katie Scovin '97 7-6
NBA					
New York at Charlotte 1/27	New York	New York	New York	New York	New York
Portland at Cleveland 1/27	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland
Miami at Milwaukee 1/27	Miami	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Miami	Miami
New Jersey at Denver 1/27	Denver	Denver	New Jersey	Denver	Denver
Golden State at Boston 1/27	Boston	Golden State	Boston	Boston	Golden State
L.A. Lakers at Seattle 1/28	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Miami at Detroit 1/28	Miami	Miami	Detroit	Miami	Miami
Charlotte at Atlanta 1/28	Atlanta	Charlotte	Atlanta	Charlotte	Charlotte
Phoenix at New York 1/29	New York	New York	New York	Phoenix	New York
Golden State at Chicago 1/29	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Phoenix at Cleveland 1/30	Phoenix	Phoenix	Cleveland	Phoenix	Phoenix
NFL Super Bowl					
San Diego vs. San Francisco	San Diego	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Pippen For Sprewell?

Scorecard

Trip MacCracken

In the NFL: USA Today's Danny Sheridan has Bud favored by 2 in the Bud Bowl. Take Bud Lite and the points... This weekend is the biggest of Steve Young's career. If he wins, then the monkey, and the rest of the primate kingdom for that matter, is finally off his back. Well, maybe not. San Francisco fans still remember that the guy before him won 4 Super Bowls, not just one. Who was that guy, anyway? Oh, yeah, the one with the state named after him. Joe Nevada, I think it was... Super Bowl tidbits: San Diego enters as the biggest underdog ever, at 19 points. Of the twelve times new entries have played, only twice has the newcomer won. Those occasions? The Steelers won in 1975 over Minnesota, and the Giants won in 1987 over Denver. When the Chargers played the 49ers during the regular season, San Francisco won 38-15. San Diego's Stan Humphries wears Number 12, which happens to be the winningest number for a quarterback in Super Bowl history. The past two years, however, the Cowboys' Troy Aikman has won the Super Bowl wearing Number 8, same as the 49ers' Steve Young. Those facts and 95 cents will buy you an Egg McMuffin... Mike Frier of the Seattle Seahawks says that Chris Warren has not contacted him since Frier was paralyzed in a car accident during the season in which Warren was also involved. This is the same Warren who was greatly praised for not missing a game after the accident...

In The NBA: USA Today's Tom Weir says that a Scottie Pippen for Latrell Sprewell trade would be perfect, since both players want to be traded. Sounds good for the Bulls. Then again, Pippen for a Big Mac would probably sound good to Bulls G.M. Jerry Krause right now. Moreover, Pippen has 'a gut feeling' that he won't be traded this season. Wow, that's funny. I thought that complaining, selfish, egotistical players who took themselves out of the playoffs were in demand all of a sudden. Especially if they're talented chair-throwers... Charles Barkley concedes that his Suns are not on the same level as the Celtics and Lakers of the 1980's. Charles, you're right. You know why? They won championships. And that's plural... Averaging 12 assists per game this season, John Stockton of the Jazz is on pace to become the NBA's all-time assist leader on February 2. A truly amazing accomplishment... Where are they now: Former first round pick George McCloud, once taken 7th overall by the Pacers, played Tuesday night in the CBA All-Star game. In 1989, McCloud was picked ahead of such notables as Tim Hardaway, Nick Anderson, Mookie Blaylock, Shawn Kemp, and Cliff Robinson, any of whom would be welcome in the Pacer lineup...

In the NCAA: Listen to what opposing coaches have to say about Michigan State's Shawn Respert. Clem Haskins, of Minnesota: "I don't see a better scoring guard in the country. He'll star at the next level." That's quite a compliment, considering that Haskins coaches a guy by the name of Voshon Lenard, who's quite a player in his own right. Iowa's Tom Davis echoes Haskins' sentiment, saying, "He's among the country's best shooters. Some might say he's the best." After watching Respert light up Michigan for 33 points, I understand what these guys are talking about. Going out on a fairly stable limb, I'll predict that Respert will be a lottery pick... Duke Coach Mike Kryzewski is out for the season with a back ailment, and with the team's recent slide, their chances of returning to the NCAA tournament, let alone the Final Four, are in doubt. How much of the team's problems stem from the loss of Coach K, though? I suspect it has more to do with the loss of Grant Hill... The comeback of Danny Hurley at Seton Hall has been a pleasant surprise. After leaving the team last season, Hurley has returned and is playing an integral role. He recently led the Pirates to a comeback win against St. John's...

In baseball: Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine has offered loans to teammates who need money during the strike. Surprisingly, there have been no takers yet on his offer. Look for Glavine's phone to be ringing off the hook fairly shortly, though, when living on millions of dollars a year becomes impossible... Meanwhile, 14 years ago, J.R. Richard was an all-star with the Houston Astros. Now, he's homeless, and occasionally sleeps under a bridge. The Baseball Assistance Team is reportedly trying to contact Richard, with no success... Does anyone really care who will be replacement players for the major leaguers?... Thankfully, Phil Niekro has changed his mind about making a comeback. I was somewhat intimidated by the prospect of hunting down Satchel Paige's grave to see if he was interested in a comeback of his own...

Quotables: Suns coach Paul Westphal, commenting on the Suns-Magic game, which was won by the Suns in overtime, 111-110, "I hope the Super Bowl is that good next Sunday." Well, Paul, I hate to pop your balloon, but as good as San Francisco is, I just don't see them approaching the 100 point mark. San Diego either, for that matter... And finally, Stan Humphries, Chargers' quarterback, commenting on the differences between him and a renowned quarterback from New York (rumored to be Dan Deblois) who guaranteed victory for his underdog team: "I don't think I'll be guaranteeing any victory. And I won't be wearing any panty hose, either." OK, OK, so Humphries' reference is to Joe Namath, not Deblois. For a second there, though, I thought that Humphries had discovered Dan's deepest dressing secret...

My Two Cents

Hamilton in UCAA Makes Sense

By Samuel M. Walker
SPORTS EDITOR

When I first heard the news that Hamilton was joining a new conference, the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA), I was absolutely miffed. Why would Hamilton want to become a member of a new conference? Aren't we already a member of the NESCAC?

After discussing our inclusion in this new conference with various Hamilton officials, I have to come to the realization that we made the right decision.

First of all, we are by no means leaving the NESCAC. The NESCAC is not a *playing* conference. The conference is an association of schools with similar philosophies on intercollegiate athletics. Each of the eleven NESCAC schools puts an emphasis on competitive teams and stellar academics. We belong to the NESCAC because we have a proper perspective on the role of higher education. Our philosophy is not going to change because of our entrance into a playing conference.

The only sport that plays a complete NESCAC schedule is football. All other sports play NESCAC schools in an unsystematic fashion. The NESCAC sponsors championships in just four sports — men's tennis, cross-country, golf, and women's volleyball. All other sports have no guaranteed season ending tournament. Our teams may receive bids to ECAC tournaments, but this is by no means the same as having the opportunity to compete for a league championship. In addition, many of our teams do not qualify for the ECAC's. Thus, many of our teams are left unable to compete for league championships.

The UCAA is comprised of eight schools - Hobart, William Smith, Clarkson, R.P.I., University of Rochester, Skidmore, Union, and St. Lawrence - a selection of teams with whom we are quite familiar as our teams play most of these schools on a yearly basis. Due to these schools close proximity to each other the formation of this conference was long overdue.

The UCAA will benefit Hamilton athletics in many ways. First of all, the conference will build increased competition. By providing league championships, through single-site season ending events or by round-robin play, we will begin to build rivals. If Hamilton and Union meet each other in the finals of the women's volleyball championship for four consecutive years, a rivalry will be ignited. And trust me, we need this. Currently, our teams do not have this with any NESCAC schools. Just look at the Williams basketball game this past Tuesday night. That game was intense because Williams was #11 in the country and #1 in New England — an intensity rarely seen with our current competition. If they were 1-15, it probably wouldn't have been so intense. In the new UCAA, every game will mean something. Our teams will be striving to win and stay afloat in their respective sports. Every athlete needs this kind of incentive. Just think about the classroom. Without grades, how hard would a student work? The truth is people do things primarily for the end results. Playing for first place in a league is definitely an incentive.

Secondly, the UCAA should increase team morale, leading to greater athletic spirit. Hamilton needs rivals for this increase in school spirit. In football, our exclusive NESCAC schedule has enabled us to develop rivalries. The meat of our schedules next year will be against the school's in the UCAA.

Our NESCAC standing will remain intact. Hamilton will continue to remain a part of the NESCAC and will abide by the conference's philosophy. Our football team will continue to play in the NESCAC exclusively. Thus, we will still be looked upon as an integral part of the NESCAC, while sporadically playing NESCAC schools in other sports. However, joining the UCAA makes sense.

The conference will cut down on the burden of travel time for our student-athletes, and is also interested in dealing with important issues such as gender-equity. Most importantly, through joining the UCAA, our teams will be part of a playing conference — a reward long overdue for our athletes. Hamilton definitely needs the UCAA.

Hamilton loses to #1 Williams

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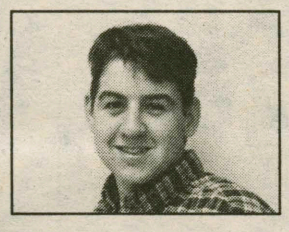
tournament, defined the term workhorse as he produced 20 points in 37 minutes. "You have to be in shape to keep up a scoring margin. Tired teams take tired shots." commented assistant coach Joe Kremer. Hamilton has averaged 96 points through fourteen games.

Hamilton has managed to put up impressive offensive numbers despite a lack of height. The points are adding up through a combination of passing and calculated shots. "The guards are passing the ball to the open shooters and moving the ball very well," explained Coach Murphy. "[About] two/thirds of our shots are by assists; good teams have lots of assists." The strategy is working as Hamilton out-assisted Villa Julie and Keuka by an aggregate 42-16 as well as outscored them 184-134. Yet, there is always room for improvement. "Ithaca and Keuka outrebounded us," noted Coach Murphy.

Whether it was due to playing three games in four days; playing against one of the finest college teams in New England; an off night; or questionable officiating for both teams, Hamilton was surprisingly overmatched. The first half was fairly close with Hamilton using their passing game to their advantage. However, Guard Noah Clarke '95 hit a timely three pointer for Williams as the Ephmen pulled ahead 26-21 with 7:30 left in the first half. The Continentals trailed by eight points, 42-34 at the end of the first half, but never came back. Williams added up leads of sixteen and twenty points during the game as Hamilton could not get the shots to fall. D'Agata and Mrozienski had unusually quiet nights (14 and 13 points) while Erin McCann scored a team high 24 points in the game. Williams put on a shooting clinic with Clarke (22 points), forward Mike Nogelo '98 (17 points, 9 rebounds), and forward Geoff Chapin '96 (15 points, 8 rebounds) leading the offense. The Ephmen also hit nine three pointers, silencing Hamilton's offense for the evening.

Hamilton will play the Amherst Lord Jeffs (22-5 in '93-94) this Saturday, January 28 in Massachusetts. Currently, the Continentals are ranked fourth in the ECAC upstate New York region.



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Last Week's Winner:
Justin Ledden '97

Trivia Time

Last Week's Answers:
1. Steve Young & Bart Oates
2. Doug West
3. Doug Flutie
4. Coe College

This Week's Questions:
1. What NESCAC school did Cleveland Brown Head Coach Bill Belichick attend?
2. Who is the career assists leader for the N.Y. Knicks?
3. Who were the three NBA forwards to average 20 points and 10 rebounds last season?
4. Which players hold the record for most touchdowns scored in a Super Bowl?

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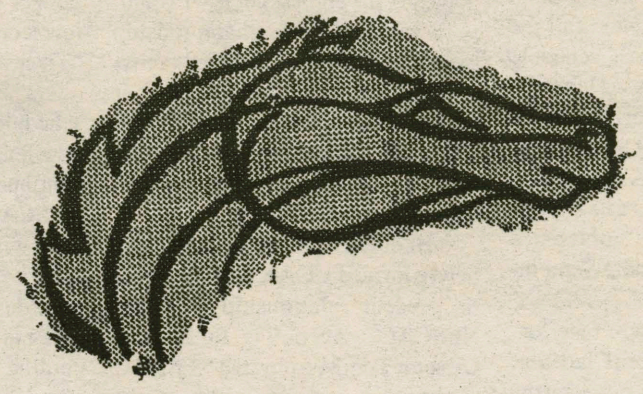

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Women's Hockey Team Faces Division I Foe

By Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The women's ice hockey team played host to the Saint Lawrence Saints this past Tuesday night, and got a taste of Division I play. The Saints, a national powerhouse, are in the strongest division in the country for women's hockey, the E.C.A.C. East. Hamilton hung tough against a team with players who have been selected to the national squad. Goaltender Isabelle Roberts '97, was superb, especially in the first period, stopping shot after shot from close range. Hamilton did put offensive pressure on the Saints, led by Gretel Porcaro '95, Lexie Goulard '95, and Allison Wandelt '95. Assistant coach Justin Zappia '96 said that he was "proud of the way that the team stayed in the game" against a more experienced club. The team plays again on Thursday Jan. 26 and if you have not seen a game this year, you are missing out on some great hockey action. Come on over to the Sage and cheer for the women's ice hockey team.

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Men's Basketball Wins Invitational, Loses to #1 Williams

By Mark Granovsky '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

It has been a busy week for the men's basketball team. After winning the 16th annual Hamilton Invitational, with wins over Villa Julie (100-71) and Keuka (84-63), Hamilton lost a heartbreaker to Williams by a score of 91-72. The loss was Hamilton's first in the last seven games. The Williams Ephmen entered the game as the number #1 team in New England with an incredible 14-1 record; the only loss was a 67-66 defeat to the Skidmore Thoroughbreds.

The loss to the Ephmen was the only blemish in an otherwise solid week. The Continentals carried the momentum from the win over Ithaca (99-85 on the 17th) into Saturday, the 21st against the Villa Julie Mustangs. It was the opening night of the annual Hamilton Invitational tournament and Hamilton did not disappoint. While the Mustangs gave an admirable effort (ahead 41-38 at the half), they were overpowered by the Continentals in the second half. Hamilton outscored the Mustangs 62-30 in the second half, including a torrid 19-0 streak in five minutes to push the score to 66-46 with 11:00 to play. The onslaught was too much for the Mustangs as they fell to 1-9 on the season. This is the first year that Villa Julie has played in the NCAA, and their inexperience was one of the deciding factors of the game.

Forwards Joe Mrozienski '96 and Erin McCann '95 led the offense with 20 and 16 points; 17 and 7 rebounds, respectfully. Guard Fran D'Agata '95 contributed 15 points and 5 assists, as he was instrumental in all facets of Hamilton's offense. Guard Art Reliford '96 came off the bench to add eight assists in only fourteen minutes. "We played a lot of people on Saturday," remarked head coach Tom Murphy. "The longest any player [played] was 26 minutes."

The strategy paid off on Sunday as Hamilton downed the Keuka Warriors. Playing their second game in two consecutive days, Hamilton manufactured a sound 84 points over their 4-10 rivals. Guard Scott Pace '96 controlled the offense with 11 assists as Mrozienski scored 22 points with 11 rebounds. D'Agata, named Most Valuable player in the

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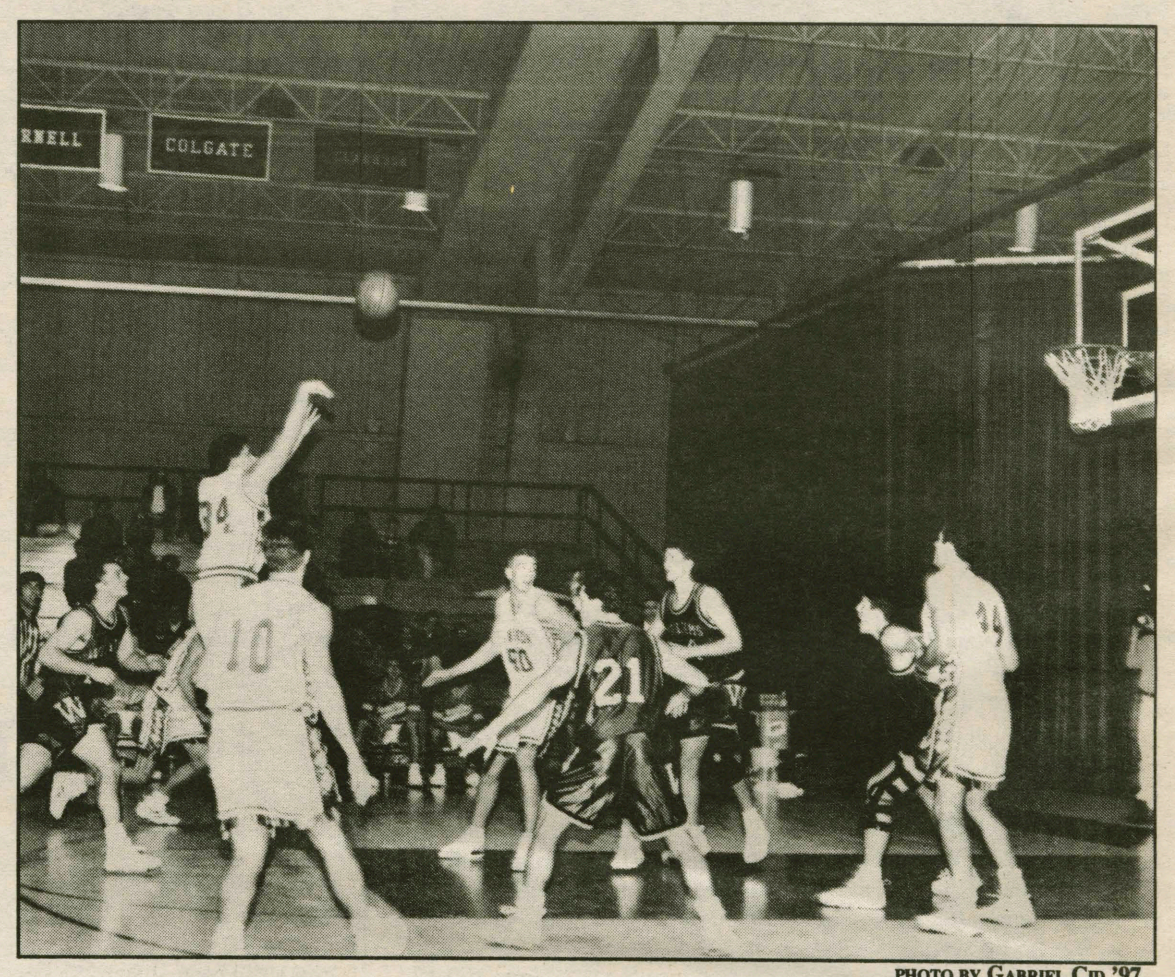

PHOTO BY GABRIEL CID '97

MVP of the Hamilton Invitational Fran D'Agata '95 helped lead the Continentals to a first place victory.

Hamilton Joins New Athletic Conference; Will Remain in NESCAC

By Brian Cohen '96
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hamilton Continentals will no longer have only the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) to kick around on the playing fields. Next fall the Hamilton College sport's schedule will see some changes. Hamilton and seven other New York State colleges have formed the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA). The UCAA is a new Division III intercollegiate conference which will begin play next September.

The Continentals will face formidable competition from Clarkson, Hobart and William Smith, Rensselaer, University of Rochester, St. Lawrence, Skidmore, and Union — the seven other competing institutions in the new conference. The UCAA will sponsor league competition in football, men's and women's soccer, field hockey, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's lacrosse and baseball. In addition, the eight schools will compete in single-site championship events in men's and women's cross country, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, women's volleyball and men's golf.

Hamilton's membership in the newly formed UCAA will not affect its present relationship with the NESCAC. According to Athletic Director Tom Murphy, the NESCAC is simply a coalition of liberal art schools and universities who agree to follow the same philosophy and guidelines regarding athletics and higher education. NESCAC schools are free to compete in other leagues.

However, Hamilton's first allegiance will be to the NESCAC and its philosophy. "If any college in the UCAA starts expanding their sports budget or admitting students with low scores or grades," Murphy stated. "Then we will leave [the UCAA]."

The hockey and football team's schedule will not be affected by the new league. The football team will continue to play the schools in the NESCAC. Meanwhile, the hockey team will compete within the ECAC East.

Many positives will result from being affiliated with this league according to Murphy. Travel time and expenses will be cut. Presently, Hamilton is the only school from New York State that plays in the NESCAC.

The UCAA has applied to the National Collegiate Athletic Association for automatic bids in all sports for Division III postseason play. Currently, Hamilton and the other NESCAC members must be invited. However, the UCAA will not receive automatic bids for three years according to NCAA rules.

To compete in the UCAA, the school must participate in at least 80% of those sports and either football or basketball. The league will increase competition and spark new interests for the players and the fans. As a result, coaches will be able to provide greater motivation to the players. Murphy sees the the new league as a positive. "It can only help our program. Our kids will enjoy playing in a league."

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Men's Hockey Defeats Babson, Loses to Holy Cross

By Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Hamilton hockey team entered the Jan. 20th weekend on a four game win streak, and hoped to continue that success against visiting Babson and Holy Cross.

Friday night's contest pitted the Continentals against the undefeated Beavers of Babson College, ranked no. 1 in the E.C.A.C. The home team dominated the game from start to finish, and when the final whistle blew the scoreboard read Hamilton 3, Babson 0. Scoring was provided by Lloyd Polanish '96. Joe Baudo '97, and Tim DiGuilio '98, who netted his first varsity goal in the win. The Hamilton victory was aided by a strong showing from goaltender Ken Brook '96, who posted his third shutout of the season. Brook made several key stops, including a beautiful save against a two on one break late in the third period to secure the win.

Coach Phil Grady stated that it was a "very emotional win," and pointed out several keys to Hamilton's success. Grady explained that the team worked hard for the full sixty minutes, especially along the boards and in the corners, winning a majority of loose pucks. The team also covered the man without the puck very well, a necessity against an explosive team like Babson.

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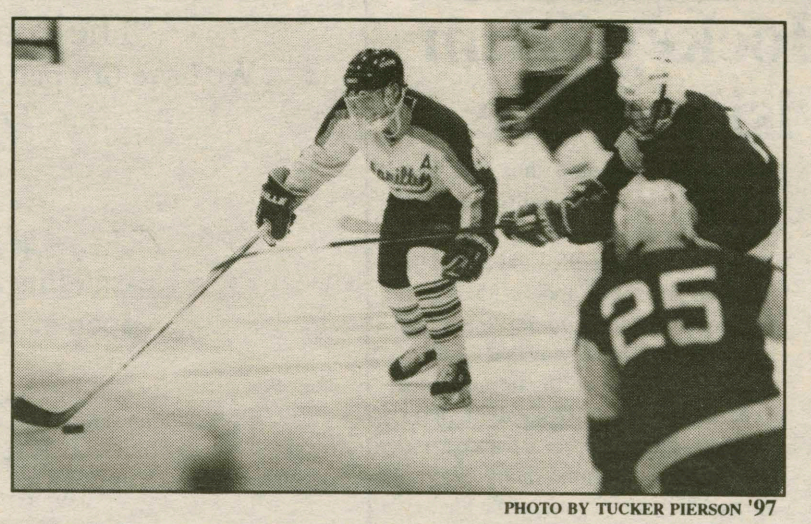

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Assistant Captain Paul Wilson '95 has been a solid performer on defense throughout the year.

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